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To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
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Dear city council members and Mayor Wheeler,

End illegal Camping Now: Delaying enforcement of existing illegal camping laws will only further delay the policy changes required to create safe camping areas with access to services, more emergency shelters, more housing and cleaner clear sidewalks. Portland can not wait another 18 months for change. Please enforce timelines, deadlines and benchmarks to reflect the urgency and severity of this humanitarian and public safety crisis. Additionally, Please support proposed resolutions (899-903)

Use the city funds now: The joint office of homeless services is a failure. Stop sending \$45 million a year to them. Do not give Power of veto to county and metro politicians for city issues. The city of Portland deserves its fair share of the \$250 million a year in homeless service tax.

Repeal Measure 110: The city council and the Mayor need to prioritize this now. Many well intended Oregonians voted to decriminalize drugs. We are not the Netherlands. Measure 110 has further exacerbated the crisis and had devastating effects. Drug dealers and drug users are now free to use and deal on the streets with impunity. The effects are obvious. The DA can not prosecute. The Police can not arrest. Yes, the funding for mental treatment has been slow to roll out but even a well funded and implemented treatment program is not going to reverse the negative effects of measure 110. Measure 110 needs to be repealed now!

Thank you,

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