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Hello,

I am a tour guide. Due to the reality of rampant vagrancy and crime, school groups no longer are visiting Portland like they used to. This year one afternoon, I took a group of traveling youth to the downtown area. After two hours, we met up again and shared our group experiences. They shared about stepping over feces, seeing yelling naked people, stepping over people's stuff and bodies lying around, garbage and graffiti, horrible smells, and people openly taking and shooting up drugs. This group of teens and young adults from all over North America concluded that Portland was unsafe. I live near SE Powell and experience these scenes when I run my errands. Please make Portland safe again.

Thank you for considering my request.

Peace,  
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I feel that there is nothing more truly artistic than to love people. ~Vincent van Gogh