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PORTLAND CANNOT WAIT 18-MONTHS FOR CHANGE:

We have been paying taxes to fund safe and humane homeless policies for years. The Mayor could & should have declared an emergency years ago.

This plan currently lacks the timelines, deadlines and benchmarks that reflect the urgency and severity of this humanitarian and public safety crisis.

Delaying enforcement will only further delay essential policy changes.

Without accountability and action, this plan is nothing more than just empty words and empty promises.

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Sent from my iPhone