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Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

I have owned a blue collar business in NW Portland for nearly 20 years employing 35 employees. I also serve on the Lake Oswego City Council. Decisions are hard, but we must reverse the current situation in Portland. Please END camping now. It is the first step of many to save lives, restore the safety of my employees, get our city cleaned up, and restore the “Mojo” that we once had as a worldwide destination for living and visiting.

Many of my employees tell me stories of their frightful and dangerous experiences of living and working in Portland. I have dealt with homeless issues and crime for years – much of it predicated when the “camping” policy was allowed.

Please have the courage to move forward to help “fix” Portland. And thank you for serving. I know personally, it is not an easy job.

Best Regards,

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