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This situation is deplorable for the homeless as well as for those citizens who depend upon a healthy, vibrant, safe city that provide them with employment. Particularly those thousands of employees from the greater Portland area who depend upon employment in the hotel community.

This situation is killing us and is going to now take years from which to recover. The recently renovated Hilton, the anchor hotel for citywide conventions is now in receivership. Shame on the City of Portland for letting this situation get out of control. As if there are not troubles enough to deal with. To the point where citizens must volunteer to sweep up cigarette butts off the streets in Chinatown while people are napping in their tents. We need to move the homeless off our sidewalks into safe shelters and provide them with the necessary services. And not in the middle of the city where they can pan handle.

If we have billions of dollars waisted in one war after another, we should have funds for this problem as well as our educational programs where our children keep lagging behind educationally year after year. It is pathetic! Where are our tax dollars going? I would like to be provided a pie chart for this waisted money. Eisenhower was right when it came to the US military complex getting out of hand. This is why we have no money!!

I have a big group booked into the Portland Hilton next year. I hope it is still open for my sake, their sake and the sake of the hundreds of employees who work there, as well as all the local vendor companies that provide them with product and services. As well as the Hilton tax dollars that support the City of Portland and city services. Where Portland goes, so goes the state of Oregon and our way of life.

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