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To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
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Please record my statement below for this week's city council public hearing on unsanctioned, illegal public camping:

- **END URBAN CAMPING NOW:** It's far past time to end dangerous, inhumane, and illegal camping in public areas. People are living in squalor. Residents feel ignored and hopeless. Neighborhoods are unsafe. Natural areas are being destroyed. Portland is in dire straits. **Please support the proposed resolutions (899-903)** to save lives, restore public safety and hope, and to clean up our city. This is long overdue & cannot wait any longer.
- **USE CITY FUNDS & STOP ENABLING THE CYCLE OF ADDICTION AND CRIME:** Use existing city funds to get this plan started NOW. Stop wasting \$45M a year on the county-run Joint Office of Homeless Services, which further enables homelessness, addiction and crime. Instead, use those city tax dollars to start implementing this plan NOW.
- **PORTLAND'S TAX PAYING RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS HAVE BEEN IGNORED FAR TOO LONG, ACTION IS NEEDED NOW:** The current situation is dire. We need enforcement of the laws now. We need cleanup of the camps now. It's time to start showing some genuine compassion towards those who's contributions make this city run and prosper!

Best regards,

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