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Hi,

I am an Oregon resident, tax payer, and voter.

I have lived in close-in SE Portland since 1996.

In the last two years I have been attacked by a homeless man in August 2022, had my truck stolen in April 2022, had my car broken into multiple times, and my teenage daughter has been threatened by homeless men while she has walked through our neighborhood.

I have had homeless people defecate in front of my house and steal gas from my 1989 Dodge van and 1989 Volvo wagon.

My daughter no longer goes to the park to practice soccer because she has been harassed by homeless men.

My friend who has a small business on Hawthorne has been attacked in her store multiple times by homeless campers from the surrounding blocks. Her merchandize has been repeatedly stolen, and she has been physically assaulted by individuals she recognized from nearby homeless encampments.

The man who attacked me in August went on to attack 4 other people within two weeks.

The people who live in Portland, pay taxes in Portland, and who contribute their work, time, energy and stewardship to Portland have lost their rights to enjoy their public spaces in safety.

Our public spaces are no longer public spaces. Our public spaces have become the private space of unsanctioned campers who leave their garbage, human waste, and drug paraphernalia strewn along the sidewalks and our parks.

Our children have to step over syringes to get to their playing fields. Delta Park is simply not a safe environment for student athletes to practice and compete.

What about their rights?

I urge you to immediately end camping in public spaces in the City of Portland.

Our city, our children, our small businesses, and our spirits have suffered enough.

Lisa Long

Please add this testimony to the public record.