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To Mayor Wheeler & Commissioners,

My name is Debra McCaslin. I am a resident of Vancouver, Washington and drive through Portland several times a week. The camps and trash are a disgrace to the city of Portland. I've been driving through Portland for over 17 years, and by far, the current conditions are the worst I've seen. Portland is a national & international embarrassment. It can be turned around so that citizens can once again be proud of their city.

I hope you all realize that common sense and compassion are needed to solve this problem. It is NOT compassionate to let people live on the streets. It is NOT sensible to run a city where there is camping & filth on the streets, not to mention the increased CRIME associated with these conditions.

Portland needs to BAN all camping on the streets, bring back STRICT DRUG LAWS, spend the multi- millions per year in homeless funds to provide MENTAL HEALTH & REHAB CENTERS to get people the help they need, and enforce JAIL SENTENCES if they do not comply with all of the above. TOUGH measures are needed for the CRISIS that Portland is experiencing. Corporations like Columbia Sorel headquarters are going to continue to leave if you don't solve this crisis. It's such a sad, infuriating situation and I do not blame these corporations for not wanting to do business here. Take real action, get smart, and make Portland great again!

Sincerely,  
Debra McCaslin

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