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Written statement for the record when the Portland City Commission meets on Oct, 26, 2002, and considers measures to address homelessness.

City Commission:

I support the plan, announced by Mayor Wheeler, to prohibit camping on city streets, allow camping in designated sites and provide services to help people who are homeless move toward better lives.

The street camping situation that has gone on for too long has left many Portlanders in a state of despair. While the city commission must act to help people who are homeless, commissioners also must sufficiently consider how the present situation affects the mental health of housed Portlanders.

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