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It is time for action to try to revive this battered city. I am embarrassed of Portland now—a city I have lived in since 1980. Please ban street camping. Please remove all the battered RVs or those sitting on blocks on city streets.

Council members, you must see what I see. How can you sit by and let this city die this way. Quit wasting money on the city/county partnership, that is at a stalemate. We passed an enormous Metro bond measure. What has that agency done? I want more accountability and action.

Finally, increase mental health care and drug and alcohol treatment available, One idea is to subsidize private providers of such services. So many will not take uninsured patents. We have plenty of counseling services but they only take clients who are insured. Let's put them to work on this problem. It may well be money better spent than what we have been doing.

Thank you

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