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City Commissioners:

“Oregon has been sick of Portland for a long time, and now Portland is sick of Portland.” Elegant words used by my wife to describe our current situation as I recounted my walk to our son’s daycare on NE Broadway. Needles and human feces line the sidewalk, open air chop shops come and go along NE Schuyler. A man pushes a buggy filled with bicycle rims and while screaming “kill!” A woman is asleep on the steps of my son’s daycare, and the staff step over her as they arrive to work. I barely even notice or care anymore.

Compassion can only go so far. The four of you are the only people able to help us. You must stop this enablement.

We’re tired. We’re tired of watching our doorbell camera pick up the campers living behind Harriet Tubman Middle School porch pirating us again. We’re tired of all the break-ins. I still awake at night remembering coming home at 10am on a Monday, finding a man in our bedroom stealing my wife’s jewelry.

I shouldn’t have to explain to my 4-year-old son what that man is sticking in his arm as we walk to school. We can’t allow open air drug use to be normalized. Nor can we allow addicts sleeping in tents to block our sidewalks anymore.

This must end today. I encourage you all to vote YES for the Mayor’s resolutions 899-903.

Please understand you already have the money. You have \$45m a year from the Joint Office of Homeless Services. Metro has \$250m a year. Focus on the \$45m you have now and stop giving out thousands of tents, tarps. Provide shelter.

We can’t wait 18 months. This is a necessary first step, but it’s necessary to end illegal camping now.

Until someone is provided an ultimatum, they will continue this path. If you have compassion for these people, do what’s right by ending this enablement.

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