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Subject: Enforcement of Illegal Camping on city street & sidewalks.
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To Mayor Wheeler and Council Members:

I respectfully encourage all members of Council to support the Mayor Wheeler's proposal to end camping on the streets of Portland.

The threat to the public, including the level of crime and murder and public health issues has almost reached the point of no return.

We must take command of the city and restore order NOW. Mandatory camps for all those suffering addictions and intent on criminal activity should be put into effect as soon as camps can be assembled. All resources, public and private should be working together to make this happen within 3-6 months. No one is safe! It can and has to be done!

If we are in our rational minds, we can not allow the citizens of this city to be held hostage by those in the throws with of addictions, the criminal element or the mentally challenged who are not capable of make rational decisions. Their rights do not trump the taxpaying citizens rights. While we cannot sacrifice the city and its citizens by yielding to those who have fallen to addiction, those who are there because of economics or the criminally violent, we do have the responsibility to offer compassionate care for them. They must comply however, and be in treatment, otherwise separated from the rest of society in camps or whatever facilities can be constructed.

I offer this perspective as a citizen and as someone who organized the effort in taking back Old Town and parts of downtown when Commander Ed May was in command. Together we galvanized a successful public and private partnership tagged "Operation About Face." Mayor Wheeler's proposal, though without time frames etc. is a step in the right direction.

Respectfully,
Anna Abraham