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To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
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Portland City Council,

I am writing to you about Mayor Ted Wheeler and Commissioner Dan Ryan's plan to reduce the impact of unsanctioned camping on our neighborhoods and small businesses. I strongly advocate for the passing of the five resolutions that will fast-track construction of affordable housing and move the homeless closer to services.

I practice optometry in Gresham in a professional office building with other health care providers. Over the last two years we have had an increasing number of homeless that have been camping in front and back of our building. We are all concerned about each and every homeless person and would love to see a reasonable and compassionate solution to the homeless issue. I think these resolutions would be a great answer to balance the needs of the homeless and the needs of small business.

The front entry of our building has been used on a somewhat regular basis as a shelter for overnight camping. We have four healthcare practitioners in the building including a pediatrician. We have had to regularly have the campers move so we can open our offices and there has been needles and other drug paraphernalia that have been left behind.

Thank you for the opportunity to write you on behalf of a small business owner, a Portland Business Alliance member, and also of a concerned citizen that would love for a solution for business owners and the homeless of our community.

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