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Dear fellow Oregonians,

I am a retired physician who worked in a FQHC health clinic in Salem for over 25 years which served the homeless amongst the other needy. I moved to Portland about 4 years ago after retirement. I am sad to see the direction Portland leadership has steered the issue of the homeless. The present policy of allowing camping on city streets serves no one's best interests. It enables the homeless to not make the tough choices to address their addiction, mental health and social-employment issues. A more centralized approach with services by professionals who can aid them is a better path. Mayor Wheeler's plan is a good step and far overdue in coming.

Let's be fair to the citizens and business owners who have suffered under the crime, filth and lack of access to our city streets. Let's be fair to the homeless by giving them the leg up they need to permanently get off the streets. I find it sad that we spent so much money improving curbside wheelchair and walker access only to have our disabled unable to use our tent obstructed sidewalks.

END HOMELESS CAMPING ON CITY STREETS!

Sincerely,  
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