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Dear Mayor and Fellow Commissioners

I am writing in support of the Unsanctioned Camping Initiatives that your team has put forward. The current camping situation across Portland is not safe nor healthy for anyone. This effort is not letting an imaginary perfect solution get in the way of good action-based efforts and recognizing the true urgency and emergency on our streets.

This is a great city but it is a struggling one. I believe we are at an inflection point and this might be one of many efforts to turn the tide toward a better Portland that has the humility to recognize its strengths and address its weakness with courage and compassion. We are all in this together.

I also appreciate these initiatives are not waiting to craft the perfect words to a perfect solution, but to try and keep trying to face a systemic problem that is larger than our downtown, our city, or even our state can handle alone.

Thank you and your staffs leadership on behalf of our city.

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