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In the 5 years I have lived in the Pearl the quality of life has declined precipitously. I have witnessed a car smash and grab and a car smash, apparently for the sake of smashing. I regularly see people shooting up openly in the parks or on the street. Hearing mentally ill people screaming obscenities at the top of their lungs for minutes at a time, is a daily experience. I have seen homeless people throw objects, including food and drinks, into the faces of passersby.

Customers don't want to put up with it and businesses are closing. A small grocer keeps the doors locked and lets customers enter one by one because in the words of an employee, "the homeless know we don't have security and they have gotten really aggressive." I own a small service business and no longer invite clients to meet at my office because I know their car, and person is at risk by coming into my neighborhood. I know several long time Portlanders who have moved or are moving to Vancouver, Eugene, Lake Oswego, anywhere but Portland.

**OUR CITY IS FAILING. IT IS A CATASTROPHE AND YOU NEED TO USE EVERY RESOURCE AVAILABLE TO ACT NOW TO SAVE IT.**

Thank you,

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