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Subject: Citizen testimony to end street camping NOW
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Dear Elected Officials,

I am respectfully writing to express my concern about the current state of Portland. I have lived here for a decade and I feel deeply alarmed by what it has become in the time that I have been here.

There are currently countless camps on the streets, sidewalks, bike paths, traffic roundabouts, freeway on and offramps, parks and building doorways. These camps are adjacent to schools, businesses and homes. This is tremendously problematic and unsatisfactory for everyone involved: students, parents, business patrons and owners, visitors and residents of our city, homeowners, renters, etc. It is also deplorable and INHUMANE that people are living on our streets without necessary services and access to basic facilities that human beings should have readily available (toilets, fresh and running water, trash collection, electricity and power, let alone access to safe shelter and food). Please help put an immediate stop to this situation for our city and housed and unhoused residents. I urge you to support resolution 899-903.

The city is at a critical juncture. We need to act immediately and use our available funding to implement the plan to end street camping now. I hope you will understand the urgency of your action, and our perceived impotence as citizens in the face of this situation without immediate and resounding help from our elected officials.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
David Sharp
Resident of Southeast Portland