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To whom it may concern,

I have had it with the homeless population in the Portland area. Our city is overwhelmed with homeless camps on our streets, neighborhoods and bike trails.

I do not feel safe anymore in this city or my neighborhood. There are multiple businesses that are now closed due to the issues with the homeless in our neighborhood. Businesses are having to board up their windows due to break ins and we are all paying extra in costs due to the thefts. There are security people at our local Fred Meyer due to the issues and I have been present when there have been issues and security has had to step in. This is absolutely unacceptable and frightening! They take grocery carts off the lots and leave them all over the place with their garbage. They defecate and urinate all over the place, this is unsanitary. How is anyone able to raise a family safely when they are in our parks with their needles, tents and garbage.

I am a cyclist, our bike trails are full of homeless camps blocking the path. It smells absolutely disgusting when you have to cycle near one that smells like urine and feces! I have had them come out of tents with nunchucks and knives so I will not bike the 205 bike path due to this. Biking along the river is also an issue and it is just not safe.

They camp on our sidewalks and block paths so that the disabled cannot move around this city.

There is a homeless camp outside my work and we now have security because they come into our building, harass our patients and destroy our restrooms. Why does a company have to pay for security? What is the city doing about this?

I have been to different States and countries and they have homeless but it is not nearly as extensive and offensive as we have in Portland. I don't want to live in this city anymore due to the lack of help dealing with the homeless camp. I am done with giving them dignity, the majority of them want to live this way because they do not want to live by rules. Why should our tax dollars go to cleaning up after them while they litter this once beautiful city? They are destroying the environment. If they cannot live by the rules, put them in jail! We spend more money having the camps move and cleaning up after them.

It is about time that the city looks after the law-abiding, tax paying citizens and deals with the homeless camps scattered throughout our streets. Please deal with this out of control situation now!

Thanks
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