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"We live in SE Portland, not too far away from the overgrown homeless camp on SE Powell Blvd. Oftentimes, we see and hear people on the streets yelling at all hours, day or night. I feel unsafe. With the rise of the theft of vehicles and catalytic converters, I am now parking my vehicle 4 1/2 feet from the front porch so I can keep an eye on it. I seldom go for walks anymore, and never at night. Go Downtown Portland to the Saturday Market? No thanks. I don't even feel safe in the daytime anymore. Even on Max and on Trimet, there are mentally insane folks who are threatening, if you just LOOK at them they have an issue and will say something."

Prioritize the situation of the homeless:

You must separate the chronically homeless, due to drug addiction, etc mentally ill from the rest. They are the first priority to receive care at some kind of mental institution where there are professionals

The criminals should be locked up, no questions asked. Then not released until they served their entire sentence. After the release, they must have somewhere to go, to live, to work, etc...

The elderly, disabled, women with children, and veterans, should be housed in homeless shelters. People who are working and have jobs should be placed in affordable housing where they pay rent that they can afford. The same goes for families that are homeless, go into housing for the homeless until they find work or a place to rent

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