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All,

As a nearly 20 year resident of Portland, I've seen the city go from a glittering beacon to a wasteland. I've discussed many times with other long time residents the possibility that we have seen Portland's golden age come and go. It would be a shame if this was the case.

With Mayor Wheeler's plan you have the golden opportunity to turn things around in Portland and retake the city. There is no less painful way to do this unfortunately. We have to do something big, something significant and that is what this plan represents. People are leaving Portland because they have lost faith in leadership. This is your chance to regain that faith and show what Portland can be again.

We don't have the luxury of time in this situation. The homeless problem compounds daily. This plan is the significant step forward we need to take, not only for ourselves but for the generations to come. Don't let the political concerns of today ruin everyone's tomorrow.

Thanks for your time,

Eric Levake