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Hello, my name is elaine skinner and I currently own a home and live in zip code 97215, and lived in 97209 for 4 years. I have been a resident of Portland for over a decade, and I also run my small business in Portland.

I am writing to say that I am against the creation of mega encampments for 500+ individuals. This will not provide the permanent and sustainable solution of providing our most vulnerable population with long term housing, and will lead to their criminalization. It is a bandaid solution that just removes this population from view and takes them away from the services that they depend on. It is a costly temporary fix. I am in favor of increasing affordable housing and providing mental health and substance abuse recovery services to the unhoused community. I would like to see a plan in place to help the unhoused community in tangible, humanitarian ways that are lasting, not a temporary fix for optics that doesn't actually help the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.  
elaine skinner