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City Commissioners & Mayor Wheeler,

I am writing in support of the Mayor and Commissioner Ryan's plan.

The City needs to take a new direction and we cannot continue to operate the same as we have been to address these very complex issues. I am a native Portlander and I came back to establish my own roots here nearly fifteen years ago. I recently took my job, officing five days a week in the downtown core, just after the start of Covid and during the unrest of 2020 partly because I wanted to be part of the solution and play an active role in the return of the City I love. Covid and the results of the unrest have vastly slowed any progress to solve an already underlying need of our citizens, namely housing and services, and have helped lead to the state of emergency we see today. Our most vulnerable sleep on sidewalks, live in unsafe and inhuman conditions and are dying in great numbers. The plan's goals for new housing and shelter space reflects the urgency needed to help those suffering on our streets.

As leaders of our City, I am sure that you are faced with challenges greater than you could have imagined. I encourage you to lead with compassion and remain focused on the health and safety of all citizens. I believe in this plan and strongly encourage you to support it.

Sincerely,

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