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Dear Portland City council – PLEASE eliminate street camping in Portland immediately. I work at Pendleton woolen mills corporate headquarters in the old town section of Portland. I am putting my life at risk every day I have to go work in the office. It is extremely dangerous to have to park and walk anywhere in that neighborhood. I am scared for my life every day I have to go to the office.

I avoid going anywhere in the down town Portland area unless absolutely necessary.

A few months back I was accosted by a drugged out homeless woman one morning when parking my car to go to work. I was truly terrified that I was going to be killed right then and there. Portland residents, workers, and taxpayers should not have to be subjected to being harassed and attacked by homeless people who are either strung out on drugs or have mental issue that they need help with.

It is also extremely disgusting to have to watch closely every inch of the pavement you are walking on to make sure that you are not walking through an feces, vomit, rotten food, dog feces, drug paraphernalia, used condoms, burned up tents, clothes, and so much more. Very hard to keep an extremely close eye on the pavement while also having to keep a look out as to who is coming near you to keep a safe distance and try to keep yourself out of an unsafe situation.

It is truly disgusting to see how bad the homeless issue, tent camping, open drug use, and openly defecating on the streets has become in Portland, you HAVE TO do something about this immediately.

All of this dragged on way to long. Enough is enough.

Please get this cleaned up and get our streets safe again.

I am begging you for the safety of my own life every day.

Thank you  
Lyric