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To: [Council Clerk – Testimony](#)
Subject: Houseless Campus program feedback
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Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. I am writing as a Portland resident who has concerns about unsanctioned camping around the city as a housed person and also for the unhoused that are living in the squalid conditions they are experiencing. I am writing in support of the proposed plan as an important step in the right direction toward trying to manage the situation currently unfolding on our streets.

As a community member who often volunteers with SOLVE and other organizations to do outreach for homeless residents and also help clean up trash along our public property we need to collectively come together and address unsanctioned camping to improve communities across our city. Ignoring the problem will not solve anything and also by ignoring and allowing unsanctioned camping to block access for our less abled residents and children walking to school or playing in parks is inhumane to all.

Seeing the conditions that individuals are forced to live in is not how we can show up as a city. It is inhumane to continue to ignore the problem and let people experiencing homelessness live in such unhealthy and unsafe conditions when they need access to services and support.

This plan will not solve things overnight and there is a lot more work to be done but I believe it is a step in the right direction and wanted to write in with my support.

Thank you,

Patrick