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Good Afternoon,

I am writing to voice my support for Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Ryan's recent proposal to fast-track construction of affordable housing and move homeless Portlanders closer to services.

I was pleased to hear of the current proposal, and I believe it represents the best plan we've heard to date to begin the City's recovery process from the current housing and mental health crisis. Although long-term housing will always be the goal, the current unsanctioned camping is unsafe for both the housed and unhoused members of the community and must be discontinued. By moving campsites to designated locations, the city can provide sanitation, mental health services, security, and a pathway to long term housing options. The presence of hundreds of unsanctioned campsites across the city is unsafe for everyone. Its time for the city to take permanent action to end unsanctioned housing, and I believe Mayer Wheeler and Commissioner Ryan's proposal is our best opportunity to start moving the city in the right direction.

Thank you,  
Megan Coracci