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Dear Mayor and commissioners,

I wholeheartedly support the 5-point plan to attack homelessness, unsanctioned camping, substance abuse and the mental health crisis on our streets.

I applaud the Mayor's and the council's sense of urgency on this crisis.

I particularly agree that we need to ban unsanctioned camping and move campers to sanctioned places where they can access needed services.

And I agree for the need for support from county, state and federal governments. This is not just a Portland problem. It's an everyone problem. Portland is disproportionately shouldering the burden of homelessness.

We have allowed this crisis to fester to this point, and we are now reaping what we have sowed.

We must get people off the streets in unhealthy conditions and get them the help they need.

And don't forget that the majority of who are affected by this are the citizens of Portland.

Thank you,

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