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Dear City Leaders!

I urge you to vote YES for the city council proposals to finally end unsanctioned camping on Portland streets and to get those suffering access to services they so desperately need.

Too many people are suffering and dying on city streets and too many neighborhoods are unsafe for children and families.

Portland cannot wait another 18 months to implement this plan. I urge the city council to stop wasting \$45 million a year on the failed Joint Office of Homeless Services and instead use these dollars to immediately begin implementing the proposed Wheeler/Ryan plan.

This is a good first step to rescue the city we love and to end inhumane, dangerous camping on city streets.

Thank you,

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