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I appreciate that the Portland leadership is finally looking to try to find interventions for homelessness.

I have an idea which I feel may be able to help house many of the homeless who are living in tents on the streets of Portland. I feel that it would be a good idea to use one of the many underutilized multi-level parking structures in Portland as a camp where homeless people could pitch their tents. Porta-potties and dumpsters could be placed on each level of the parking structure, to provide sanitation to the camp.

The parking structure would provide a dry place for the people to live and would be safer than having people living on sidewalks or along sides of the freeways. Since the parking structure is downtown Portland, it would be close to services, which the homeless people need.

Please consider this idea as a way to help deal with the homeless crisis in Portland.

If you have any questions, or would like to speak with me about this, please email me or call me at (503) 780-9564.

Sincerely,
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