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Testimony to Portland City Council regarding street camping.

Thank you for your consideration when voting regarding the Mayor's plan to ban unsanctioned camping in the city.

I wholeheartedly approve of this plan, every element of it and urge you to vote in support.

Our city is at a crisis stage. Downtown is dying a rapid death and our neighborhoods have seen a significant decline in livability from the increase in crime, assaults, heaping trash including human excrement and drug paraphernalia which surround unsanctioned homeless encampments. In addition, our natural areas have been decimated by unsanctioned camps and it's questionable if they can be or will be recovered.

All elements of this plan are essential, including the provision that there be consequences for illegal camping. Without that key element, we cannot hope to see any significant decline in unsanctioned camping.

We need swift action from the government at all levels, from federal to the city, working urgently in tandem. Until this proposal was made, we have seen little effort to address this crisis in a sweeping way by Portland leaders. I applaud the Mayor and Commissioner Ryan for this plan. I will continue doing my part by letter writing and voting to encourage my other representatives to get on board with these changes.

Thank you.