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Randy Stenquist, Risk Management
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1221 SW 4th Avenue Room 430
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Re: Leonard Berman DOB (3-16-66) v. City of Portland, et al
(Notice of Tort Claim)

Dear Randy:

On Sunday December 18, 2022 at 4:35 p.m., I was driving downtown for a Hanukah celebration, looking for parking. I was driving southbound on SW 9th approaching Taylor on a very narrow street adjacent to Director Park.

Near the corner, on the right side, an SUV was trying to park, so I tried to give a wide berth, so I attempted to migrate 2-3 feet to the left to go around him. I had not been downtown in that area in years. Unbeknownst to me, there were silver posts of less than two feet in height (see attached pictures) with no signage, on the left every ten feet. As I pulled a few feet to the left, I heard a crunch, and apparently hit the post and pulled off my bumper. Drivers, especially Uber/Lyft, pull over to the left to pick up people at, or near, the corner, making these posts a heightened hazard!

The picture below depicts the first post. I hit the second, ten feet north. There is no curb, it is flush with the ground. There is no signage posted saying "Warning! Low Posts every ten feet!" This is an unreasonable, hard-to-see, unexpected obstruction. The posts do not even rise above my tires and are "hidden" below fender view! I request compensation to repair my car. This would be further hazardous at night, with no lights flashing on the posts. There are many safer alternatives such as a curb, to prevent parking on that side of the street.

I will forward a demand when my investigation is complete. I intend to recover fully for my damages.

Very truly yours,

S//S Leonard Berman
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