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Hi,

I've lived in Portland since 1990 (32 years) and until the last 5-8 years I've always been able to boast about my city (Portland). However, it has been years (way before Covid) that I've had to defend my city from people across the country asking me what is going on in Portland... they tell me they are embarrassed for me. They tell me that the state and local government is laughable.

I tell them... I agree. I am embarrassed to say I live in Portland. Our gov't officials have let the citizens down.

Do you know that I'm afraid to go to downtown Portland! Do you know that when I have business clients visit Portland I have to drive them from the airport to SW Portland via Washington Hwy 14 instead of Hwy 84 because Hwy 84 is so disgusting?

I don't know where to start on the problems with Portland.

Defund the Police - Are you Nuts? What did you expect would happen... yes, more crime.

Cater to fringe groups rather than the taxpayers who pay for all of the madness...

Can Oregon be her own state and not follow every step they are told to by California.

I can't write this anymore... I'm very upset with the state of our Oregon gov't officials.

What are you thinking? How can you sleep at night?

Shane Byers

PS I signed up to testify via Zoom by mistake... please accept this written testimony instead.