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RE: *Sidewalk Bill*
Senate Judiciary Committee, Wednesday, May 8th

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee:

As you are aware, local businesses are passionate about the Sidewalk Bill coming up for hearing on Wednesday May 8th at the Senate Judiciary Committee. As co-President of Downtown Development Group, a real estate development company in downtown Portland, I represent one of these local businesses.

We, as a company, value the importance of using the assistance available with local social service agencies to help provide support to the homeless individuals, but in turn, businesses need the flexibility to address activities that have a negative impact on their businesses. This bill is not written with intent to seek the legislature to solve this issue, but rather provide the latitude at the local level to have the flexibility to address the issue.

Therefore, as a stakeholder in the outcome of this bill, I want you to know that I support the Sidewalk Bill and urge your support as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Goodman".

Mark Goodman
Co-President
Downtown Development Group LLC

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