

To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Portland Oregon since 1997, I've seen a huge difference in the livability of our city and state since the passing of this bill. Portland changed almost immediately from a safe community into an unrecognizable MadMax-esque hellscape.

I live near Argay Park and there is now a gang of men who hang out there constantly openly selling drugs and no one will do anything about it. I've personally been the victim of a hit and run by men in a stolen car with no plates leaving a drug deal at this park. These gangs bring violence and gun fire to our neighborhoods. My elderly neighbor's home was shot up during a drive by. Her knitting bag stopped the bullet from entering their bedroom through a closet.

East county is overrun with drug camps. On more than one occasion I've seen what I believe to be a dead body on the side of the road but have been too scared to stop because of the other drug users surrounding the area. I've seen naked people wandering in traffic. There is a man on drugs who was terrorizing the Parkrose neighborhood with a sword and no one will stop him.

We're told these are the "vulnerable people" in our community and deserve special treatment.

But that is completely wrong. The vulnerable people in this community are those of us who have to navigate the violence and danger these people bring to our streets every single day while we toil at our full time jobs. We have to dodge fentanyl smoke while grocery shopping. We have to pick up extra shifts to pay for our insurance that has doubled because of rampant car theft. We have to sit inside our homes and not enjoy the yards we pay for because the gang members having a wild party on 141st and Shaver might start shooting again.

The vulnerable people are the young teen girl I pass every morning who's walking to school past a camp of open drug use and theft along the railroad tracks in Parkrose. My neighbor who is trying to explain to her 10 year old why there is a naked woman passed out on the sidewalk while she's taking him to school. My husband who's dodging armed men out of their minds on fentanyl while he tries to safely do his utility locating job for the city. THESE are the vulnerable people we should be fighting for.

This city is dying. It might be too late. I regret every single day buying a house here and making this area my home. But we can't afford to just leave. And we shouldn't have to flee just so criminals can live more comfortably. Just so drug dealers can do their business without hassle. So drug addicts and the mentally ill can kill themselves in a city bought tent on a public sidewalk. This is not compassion for the addicts. And it's not fair for the rest of us trying to live our lives and keep our community running.

This bill is not working. We were told there would be services that were never put in place and the corruption in our city and state leadership makes it obvious that those services will never be put in place.

Repeal this bill and restore what little community we have left before it's too late.

Thank you

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