I've lived in Portland most of my 51 year life. I've never felt this hopeless about our future, and this unsafe in my home and city. When do the rights of the masses come before the rights of the few thousand that are destroying us? Please use every tool in the book to save us before the pending downward economic spiral that is our urban core takes hold for good. Businesses are leaving and most of my friends who live in/near downtown are too. Stiffen penalties for hard drugs. Period. Alex Macdonald

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