

To Whom It May Concern:

I was walking in downtown Portland last week by myself when a crazed, homeless, druggie started screaming profanities at me from across the street. Really!? Screaming the most vial, sexual, inappropriate statements in the middle of the day. As a tax paying woman, shouldn't I be able to support the amazing small businesses in downtown without being afraid and harassed!? This happens about once a month, and I'm done.

I will no longer bring my children, go downtown by myself, or take out of town visitors into downtown due to safety and utter embarrassment of what use to be my city. I want the old Portland back. The safe, beautiful, fun and inviting city I use to love. I want out of state friends to want to visit our city. Mostly, I want to be proud of where I live and feel safe walking downtown.

Sincerely, Kim Bevan