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While I have empathy for the unhoused, I also have empathy for regular citizens trying to live their lives and small businesses trying to keep their businesses going in this stressful time. I am sick and tired of seeing homeless people openly doing drugs and nodding out on our sidewalks. I am sick of seeing homeless people defecating and urinating on buildings. I am sick of worrying about walking in my neighborhood, especially at night. I fear that creating a situation where the homeless have the potential of receiving \$1000 would just enable them to buy more drugs. This is a bad idea.

Portland is already struggling. As we make Portland more attractive to the homeless it becomes less attractive to hard working, law abiding citizens. This has to stop.