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I am a resident living along 16th ave nw.

I watch drug use daily in the open, in public.

I watch fentanyl "stores" operating to great success out of tents surrounded by customers.

These tents move from 1 place to another. 16th ave nw across the street from Cathedral Elementary School to 15th ave nw to 14th ave nw and back again to repeat the circuit-- each site taking several months and resources to clean. (Are you familiar with the notion of doing the same thing over and over but expecting a different outcome?) And this is just what i see.

Piles of strewn garbage, feces, needles, violence, mental illness are ALL part of these tenting/fentanyl "communities".

Staff and teachers at Metropolitan Learning Center have to patrol Couch Park for users, drug paraphenalia, etc. before students have access at recess. Teachers have to make sure the PUBLIC park is safe enough for play! Can you imagine???

Catholic Elementary School chases fentanyl smokers from thier front steps. Tents are set up directly across the street from this school. Want your children to attend there?

I see public fentanyl use daily! outside my window. How do I know this? Because use is PUBLIC! in full view! No problems if you are using in Portland.

I am experiencing intense stress from the neglect that surrounds my home!

I pick up garbage every week. The diseased streets we live on and the diseased people on the streets are killing me. Probably others?

Portland policy makers-- snap out of your daydream! How many more people and businesses need to leave for you to wake up and do the right thing?

I'm actively planning / preparing to move from Oregon.

The environment your laws (or lack there of) have allowed this city to become has made me unhealthy. Too much stress. Too much poison. Too much disease. Too much toxicity. You are not worth my health.