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Owning a small business in downtown Portland has become so traumatic. Every time the door of my business opens my heart skips because there is a likely chance I have to convince a person high on fentanyl to leave without them assaulting me, my customers, or destroying/ stealing my property. It's a daily altercation that happens. I've had a woman try to stab me inside my business after she was outside my window smoking fentanyl. It's completely lawless downtown and it's one office full of my customers after another that are moving offices. Come down here on a Monday morning at 9 and tell me there isn't a problem.