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To whom it may concern,

I have lived in the Millar addition for 10 years and have never seen it this bad. We have been under duress for the last three to five years. From calling in needles and intoxicated people, to fires and the feeling of being unsafe. These are three main points I feel we need to take care of.

- 1. The smoke and air pollution as a result of fire/burning in the encampment is constantly affecting the health of our family and our neighbors. We often cannot even go outside, and this continued smoky air will lead to many long term health effects. Our lungs hurt. The air monitor on Upper Patricia is often reading 10x (or worse) the PM2.5 of other monitors in the bowl. Something needs to be done, as clean air is our basic right.
- 2. Numerous citizens of the Millar Addition have had to deal with increased levels of crime that is simply unacceptable (vandalism, theft, kids being chased, attempted break ins, attempted attacks etc etc). Many now live in fear of what will be next. Something needs to be done to make our neighborhood feel safe for all.
- 3. Regarding the proposed BC Housing temporary modular Atco trailer housing project at the east end of the encampment, we feel that this would be a favorable temporary addition SO LONG AS the encampment is closed, cleaned up and fenced off. If the encampment is allowed to continue, we feel that the BC Housing temporary modular housing project would simply lead to an extension of the current encampment and would not solve the critical air quality or crime issues mentioned above. The encampment is not somewhere any human should have to live. The City and BC Housing can do better. There are over 200 new housing units coming online by this summer. Find these people proper shelter, with proper heating water, food and services, and clean up the encampment so nobody has to live like that, or feel the effects of it.

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