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Attention City Counsel:

I am a resident of Franklin to the Fort on Johnson Street. This email is regarding my concern about The Emergency Homeless Shelter that has been extended to be open through April. First, if there are any tangible needs the shelter has, I would love to know and help support our community.

However, as the weather has warmed up, several disturbing things have occurred. First, our children's favorite park is MRL and every visit at least one person is sleeping near the playground. I have seen public urination 3 times while at the park.

I have been heckled and made to feel unsafe while using the bitterroot trail. Because of this I know longer use it for exercise. Our family has also found human feces along the path and in neighbor's yards on countless occasions.

Almost daily there is litter in our yard alone (mainly cigarettes and empty alcohol cans or bottles).

Yesterday, I witnessed a woman urinating on my neighbor's lawn in broad daylight.

I am worried mostly for my children and three other young families who live on the street adjacent. Our favorite things in our neighborhood no longer feel safe and those are amenities that we pay for. As our property taxes have increased, our overall neighborhood has declined.

Please let me know ways you are combating these issues, when the shelter will close, and if there is anything I can do personally to combat safety issues.

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Jacqueline Flikkema