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Dear Eugene Councilperson,

I am writing to express my concern over the Downtown Public Safety Zone (“DPSZ” or “Exclusion Zone”) in Eugene. These exclusion zones and the policies that accompany them are detrimental to the diversity of our public downtown area, and the spirit of our welcoming community. They have led to discrimination against individuals based on socio-economic status, age, and appearance, and have a disproportionate negative impact on these groups. It is unconstitutional, and threatens the right of citizens to freely assemble in public.

The renewal of the DPSZ will soon be up for vote, and I urge you to vote against it. I believe that the DPSZ must not be renewed in order to ensure that all residents of Eugene may freely use our public areas without fear of being persecuted under vague, ambiguous statutes without committing any real crime. Our tax dollars can be spent more effectively.

Please vote “No” on the extension of the DPSZ and allow it to sunset out of effect as was originally intended.

Additional Comments:

Sincerely,

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Address/Contact Information (if desired)

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