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I live on Hayden Island on the east side of I-5. This is a lovely area to live until you cross I-5 on the west side and encounter "Lottery row."

I am a senior citizen, active in state and city organizations (Elders in Action, Portland Commission on Disability, Oregon Disability Commission, etc). I leave the island to advocate for a variety of causes-then I come home to "Lottery Row." This short area and the population that it gathers make citizens feel unsafe in their own environment. Panhandlers are often aggressive and make me, for one, feel unsafe at times. I rarely go to the restaurants - causing a loss of revenue for them.

In short, this is a blight on a lovely island that is growing and will bring major revenues to the city as it becomes a destination shopping area.

Help us get rid of "Lottery Row."

Martha Simpson