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A mutual friend called last year to tell me that Moses had passed away, and I struggled desperately to think of anyone else I knew of that name in a vain attempt to will it not to be Moses Ross. Moses brought so much light and goodwill into an industry that is often known for cynicism; I hardly thought it was even possible that he had left this world, as evidenced by the sun continuing to shine and my children continuing to laugh and play. How, I asked myself, could any of this joy be extant if Moses was not.

Moses honored me with his friendship. With an indomitable drive for pursuing what he believed in and an affinity for helping out his friends, he represented the best of Portland politics and activism, as well of the best of being human. This loss is crushing; Moses put so much grace and brightness into the world around him and his absence will leave our community that much dimmer at a time when we can least afford it.

There are fights ahead in which Moses would have loved to partake. We are all poorer for losing not only a good friend but a brother in arms: one whose spirit energized those around him through loss or victory and made those of us around him better people for having known him.

I miss my friend.