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Hello

This morning I came to Salem to exchange something for my very elderly mother at Macy's. I was shocked, horrified, scared and saddened all at once.

I was born in Oregon 59 years ago and today's Salem is shameful. I drove east past the old Payless towards Macy's and it was disgusting. People going to the bathroom and surrounded by filth. I am sure someone must be trying to figure this out but it is not working.

Because of some medical issues I had not been to Salem for some time. Something needs to be done! I was nervous just going into Macy's. I feel so bad for the merchant's. I used to bring my children to the Gilbert Museum and walk around. I now have grandchildren I would like to take there but from what I saw today I don't plan on coming back until can find out ahead of time if the people have been cleaned out.

From what I know most of them must be drug addicts or alcoholics. A homeless person can find help if they follow the rules. NO DRUGS
NO ALCOHOL!

My mom is 94 years old. Born in Oregon she lives alone and still drives her car. She grew up during the depression. Her father lost his job as a bank manager and ended up pumping gas. He was happy to have a job with what must have been 20-25% unemployment. She said there were no homeless people. What is different today with a 3.5% unemployment rate?????

The liberal thinking of throwing money into housing will not stop this. They are not homeless they are addicts. Until they change Ends!

I hope for Salem's sake someone gets this taken care of..

Madeleine Lewis