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In this e-mail, the ACLU's Smith reminds CMs O'Brien and Bagshaw why what they're doing is so important. She had just been to one of O'Brien's community meetings, where she met "angry people" who were part of a "misinformation campaign" against the proposed law.

Dear CM O'Brien and CM Bagshaw,

Thank you for your continued support of the ordinance.

This weekend I've been thinking about the conversation my table had on Thursday night and I'm even prouder of the work we've done together because you are working towards real solutions to our city's homelessness crisis. While I'm sure it was difficult to interact with some angry people, the people at my table made it clear that the only solutions in which they are interested currently are those that further involve the criminal justice system: more incarceration of homeless individuals, more charges, more impoundments, more involuntary commitments, and the implementation of "broken windows" policing in Seattle. Those ideas are not solutions, but the product of frustration.

The ACLU is committed to countering the misinformation campaign related to the ordinance and to stressing that it will create stability and give the council time to develop lasting solutions. Thank you for your commitment to that work.

I hope you've both had a wonderful weekend-- I'm looking forward to our meetings next week to further refine the ordinance language.

All my best,
Elisabeth