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Mr. Bobinsky,

This is the third year in a row that I have tried to get the Public Works Department to clear the sidewalks from 1250 Forest Avenue to in front of the Morrills Corner McDonalds. I'm sure you remember my phone calls; I feel like I'm fighting a loosing battle again this year.

My husband and I walk each day from our home on Commonwealth Drive to the Morrills Corner McDonalds. Whenever there is a storm this sidewalk is never cleared. Why?

When the City reconstructed this intersection they left the telephone poles in the middle of the sidewalk along this area. I have the feeling that this is the reason it is so hard for any equipment to clear this section. There is a bus stop at this location. I have watch people climb a four foot snow bank just to get off the street so they won't get hit by a car at the busiest intersection in the City of Portland.

I think it is time for the City of Portland to take on the full responsibility for a program that they have promoted so aggressively. Why should we be forced to walk in the street at this very dangerous intersection?

Sincerely, Jeannie Dorr

CC: Joseph Gray
Portland City Manager