

Testimony from a constituent:

My name is John Margetts and I am a business owner of Dynapac Rotating Company which is located near the Gail Miller Resource Center along 300 west in Salt Lake City. Our business moved here in 1980 and I have worked there since 1999. Over the past 26 years, I have seen firsthand how the neighborhood has changed. In 2019, when the homeless shelter opened, I witnessed the most dramatic change to our neighborhood occur as crime and vandalism skyrocketed. Numerous businesses in the area have lost tens of thousands of dollars due to petty theft and vandalism on their properties. In May of 2020, we had a homeless individual murdered on our street and the body dragged onto our property. We had to clean up the mess that was left after the police finished processing the crime scene. Last year, our property was vandalized again and we spent over \$1,200 to clean it up. When a glass window or door is broken, the costs to replace and repair them can exceed \$2,000.00 each time it happens.

We appreciate the help of increased police patrols by Salt Lake City, but even those can not stop the increased vandalism that happens so regularly around the homeless shelters. I urge you to provide some relief to the good neighbors who have had these homeless shelters built in their neighborhoods. I applaud our efforts to help the homeless in our society, now I ask that you help the neighbors around them as well. Please support SB0121.

Thank you,

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