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Hello My Name is Kert Gordon, 1845 36th St. Missoula.

I wanted to make you all aware of a couple situations that have occurred to me personally and my family. I think these incidences are a direct result of the new Warming Shelter on the corner of North Ave and Johnson.
My 21 year old daughter was driving home and needed to air her tire as it was desperately low. She pulled into the Holiday Station on the corner of Reserve St. and South Ave. The air pump is on the side of the building out of direct site and the lighting is very low. She noticed a group of homeless people gathered off to the side. Seeing the situation may be dangerous she put her pistol in her back pocket. Please note she has been trained in firearm use. Also note she has a 1 year old son and a 6 year old son in the car. Upon exiting the car a man came up to her and asked for money, she said she did not have any. He followed her into the store and watched her complete her transactions then left. She then went back out to the car and loaded her kids. When she tried to get into the car the same man stated that she now had money and wanted it. She said no. He then blocked her from getting into her car and stated that she needed to give him a ride. Feeling threatened, my daughter pulled her pistol and the man ran away. The Police were called and in the interview process the Police Officer stated that crime has increased in the area of the warming shelter and many garages were being broken into. No mother of 2 young children should have to be threatened in this way.

My wife and her daughter operate a daycare on the corner of 14th and Johnson, near the Warming Shelter. She noticed the other day a man peering into the windows of the Day Care. The man was clearly a resident of the homeless shelter or was homeless. We are now forced to change the locks on the house with a keypad entry. By law, the doors of a daycare have to be kept unlocked from the inside, in case of an emergency so the kids can exit the house. No more unlocked doors now, the parents will have to enter a code to get in. I've lived here all my life and never thought I would see the day.

My Wife also operates a daycare out of our house, and we are now considering putting the same style of lock on our door. We also always keep our backdoor unlocked if you want to stop by some time and try it, but this may end also.

I was driving on Johnson St. past the warming shelter toward the Mall and I was passing Montana Rail Link Park. There was a large group of kids (DayCare age Kids) playing at the Park. In the same park was a group of Homeless people passing the park, yelling and acting erratically.

All three of the incidents happened within a week of each other.

As a Christian Man, I have worked with the homeless and have had family members be homeless at times. People who are down on their luck and need a lift up and are grateful for it. I feel this Warming Shelter is not needed or needs to be better controlled and should not be in the center of town. I believe this warming shelter is bringing a population of people who are more dangerous, and ungrateful. You may change your minds about this shelter if you had

one of these incidents above happen to you or your family.

Feel free if you need to reach me about any of these situations, example police report or officers name.