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Dear Mayor Strazdas,

What is a safer, more awesome place to live, work and play than Portage? I can't imagine living any place better. I love Portage! It is a great place to be for many reasons.

One reason Portage is great is because of the parks. They are well taken care of and almost every time I go, I see a park ranger cleaning up. I like how the parks are voted on by the kids of Portage, which means we will get a say in what our playground looks like. I know that me and my friends and lots of other kids were happy to have a chance to vote on what the playgrounds were like. Sports areas are another great thing! There are sports areas for almost every sport, including soccer, baseball, volleyball and tennis. There is a lot of room to run around and play there. I can always get some energy out at the parks. The parks sure are a great feature that make Portage great!

Another reason that Portage is great is because of the trails. They are surrounded by nice wooded areas with lots plants and animals. There are neighborhoods close by so that if a family wants to take a bike ride, walk or a jog, they can. That brings me to my next reason. You can do a lot of things on the trails in Portage. You can take a bike ride, walk, jog, roller blade and much more. They are paved nicely so you don't have a bumpy ride. In fall, the leaves are always kept under control. In the winter, they are plowed so that they are still accessible to the community. There is not much litter and is always taken care of. We should take pride in our trails, as they are another great thing about Portage.

Finally, there's Public Safety. There are lots of great and trained Police, Firefighters, and EMT's that are there to help. They know a ton of tricks and tips to keep us safe. They have great tools and equipment to help them. Public Safety also has the latest technology and machines to be as helpful and safe as they can. It's so cool how they're at so many events and participate in community fundraisers. They're fast when emergencies happen and efficient when they get there so there's not more damage than there has to be. That reminds of a time that I was driving to my grandmas house and all of a sudden, we heard sirens. They jumped out and grabbed the hose. They were really fast. Our Public Safety is great!

Portage is a great, safe community to live work and play. It is a beautiful town to live in and I hope you agree! I can't imagine living anywhere else that is as great! I LOVE PORTAGE!

Yours Truly,  
Samantha Bryant