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Dear Mayor Strazdas,

Imagine that you didn't live in Portage. Portage is a very nice place to move, I personally think it is an amazing place. Here are some good reasons why you should live in Portage!

One of my reasons is that we have great Public Safety. I think this is because they have great skills, they are fast and always getting new amazing things to save people, to make things right, and especially to make the city look and sound nice. It reminds me when I hear or see them taking care of me and my family. They also are very nice like when the police officers were handing out candy for Halloween! It was a great experience because they put handfuls of candy in our bag!!!!!! They also participate in community activities like for schools and parks and lighting ceremonies too! It reminds me again when they come to our school and tell us safety tips like STOP, DROP, and ROLL and memorize 911, thier phone number!

Another reason is Parks and they are getting new ones every year it feels like! One example is that they have nice playgrounds that are getting chosen by kids! It wasn't long ago when we went to Lakeview Park and they were building a new playground and we were there to play but we couldn't so we watched them for an hour and it was very fascinating so we were very tired when we got home because we didn't do anything! Anyway we love the parks because they are right down the street from our house especially Lakeview Park because we can go there without driving a car it is pretty amazing! I personally think that the parks are very good and awesome because it makes kids happy and they play with their siblings and I have had that experience before with my brother and I love it!

My third reason is Trails. One example is there is a lot of new ones. It reminds me when we went biking and we saw a new trail so we decided to take the new trail and it was from the Softball Fields on South Westnedge and led to Osterhout. It was long but amazingly fun! I love the trails everywhere. I remember when we went on the Celery Flats and it was very smooth!! I love trails because you can walk your dog or go for a stroll for fresh air, and also you can walk with your family!! I love the trails that you can do a lot of things on.

I love Portage because all of the great places to go, and all the houses that you can move to.

Sincerely,

Brynn Staples