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Jeff Bowman, Chief of Police
City of Gearhart
698 Pacific Way
Gearhart, OR 97138

Dear Chief Bowman:

I am writing to alert you and your deputies to a concerning incident at our home located at 22 South Ocean Ave, the first house on the west corner of Pacific Way & South Ocean.

Our families, Tony & Jill Garvey and Tom & Alix Goodman, are not full time Gearhart residents. Our primary homes are in Portland so we are not always around to see what happens on our property and those nearby. However, my husband and I were in Gearhart on July 30th and returned from dinner to find people we didn't know standing and sitting in our backyard.

A family of five and another unrelated couple had climbed up our bank off the public access path to watch the sunset. They had all been in Gearhart Park, but because of trees and tall scotch broom their view was "too limited". I regret I didn't take photos to document. The family had kids who "couldn't see". The second couple saw the first people climbing up and decided to follow. They were pleasant and climbed back down after the sun dipped below the horizon and colors faded. They did not appear to be drinking. If I had been alone, or if the crowd had been noisier, I would have been scared and worried about vandalism.

We realize dune management is an ongoing issue. I am writing this letter to be on the record about this situation given our property's proximity to the park and to encourage the City to do what is necessary to restore sightlines from the park and elsewhere. People deserve to see the sunset from the park not from our property.

Thank you.

Alix Goodman

cc: Chad Sweet (email)
cc: Mayor Matt Brown (email)
cc: Councilors Dan Jesse, Kerry Smith, Paulina Cockrum, Sue Lorain (emails)
cc: Chief Bill Eddy (email)
cc: Stephen Janik & Damien Hall (emails)

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