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## Testimony to **Portland City Council** on the **Shelter to Housing Continuum Project, Recommended Draft**

Hello, I think expanding options to diversify the type of housing and beds available is critical to help the housing crisis in our city. I think expanding the code to formally allow Tiny Houses and RVs is the right move. However I am concerned at the following exception: "The fifth exception is added to correspond with new allowances for occupancy of one recreational vehicle to substitute for an allowed ADU on sites with a house, attached house or manufactured home (See 33.205.020.D)." I am concerned that this prohibits willing owners from increasing density in a truly meaningful way. I hope the council would consider amending this to "...allow occupancy of one recreational vehicle IN ADDITION to allowed ADUs on sites with a house, attached house or manufactured home." This adjustment will increase the likelihood that owners already willing to increase density on their lots are able to do so at twice the rate when feasible for their lots. The risk here being that should owners want a more permanent (and more costly) ADU added on site, this restriction would effectively require elimination of the affordable tiny house or RV unit, which immediately affects neighborhood affordability again and puts RV and tiny home dwellers at odds with landowners. If the tiny home or RV is instead allowed to remain in addition to the ADU when dimensionally feasible, this would allow long term tenancy, stability, and housing stock to persist. A practical example is that on my lot, despite having the room- with this exception I would not be able to have: a finished basement apartment, a permanent ADU, and an occupied RV in the driveway- despite being large enough to accommodate all dwelling spaces with greenspace leftover. I hope the city council considers this amendment to allow those of us willing to increase density to do so in ways that allow for a spectrum of affordability instead of having to choose one over the other.

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