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

Members of the Council, I work in residential mental health at a large local nonprofit. Most of our residents have lived on the streets for years at a time until becoming hospitalized for physical and/or psychiatric reasons. It becomes clear from listening to their stories just how many obstacles there are to finding a safe, private, and stable place to sleep in this city. Navigating our helping systems can be difficult even without experiencing issues related to mental health, substance use, and extreme poverty. I strongly support the S2HC Project's proposed changes. A few steps closer to our ultimate goal of free, safe, and private housing for all. Thank you. - CJ Alicandro

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