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

Dear Mayor Wheeler and members of the Portland City Council, Our parks and natural spaces must remain open to the public. As you consider the language for the Shelter to Housing Continuum Project, I strongly recommend the removal of Open Space Zones, including developed parks, natural areas, and trails, from consideration for the siting of either temporary or permanent houseless shelters EXCEPT for a declaration of emergency by the City Council due to a catastrophic natural disaster. Allowing access to parks, natural areas, and open spaces is a fundamental necessity for the physical and mental well being of Portlanders and this should not be infringed upon.

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