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

I am opposed to the measure under consideration. It will do its part to embed "homelessness" in the fabric of vulnerable neighborhoods for the foreseeable future. It will encourage "homelessness" and shelter anti-social behavior. It will evade the city's responsibility to treat the self-evident breakdown in public- and mental-health standards. It will worsen open drug use and will increase crime. It will transfer responsibility for public order into private and even profit-oriented hands. It will dump problems into east Portland. It will drive people out of the city, threatening the tax base. It will offer ample opportunities for corruption in the acquisition and administration of these so-called "vacant lots." It will not end or even moderate the disaster on our streets: it will make it permanent.

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