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

I am writing to support the Shelter to Housing proposal. I have a small business which provides bicycle parking under the aerial tram. The number one reason we hear from people now about why they do not ride a bicycle is safety. Portland bicycle infrastructure has not kept up but also people on bikes are closer to the street and the people who live on them. We have heard from many people who have given up riding a bicycle in favor of their car because they feel more protected in their car. It would be even worse living on the street! We need more options for folks and homeowners in Portland need to stop feeling entitled that a well managed camp should not exist next to them. If we do not pass this we will continue to have many unmanaged spaces in our communities. Please pass this and provide resources and direction to bureaus to set up these communities until there is no one living on our streets or paths.

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