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

East County is continually underrepresented and left behind. I have no doubt that "when it comes to implementation, shelters will be focused where there is greatest need" - i.e., the majority of the shelters will be pushed out here. Shelters should be spread equally across the city so the wealthy cannot comfortably ignore the crisis we are in. I'm concerned with the removal of the dwelling occupant restrictions. We have a situation where there are multiple houseless people tied to a single house. There's a large caravan of cars parked dangerously on our street, lots of trash, and drug use/needles left on the ground. I hope this makes sure that there are still remedies for this type of situation. I hope the focus of these changes will truly get people in permanent, stable housing, instead of just kicking the can down the road or shunting the problem to the underrepresented section of the city with no resources to push back.

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