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

Portland is known for its beautiful parks and green spaces. If you continue to allow homeless people to live in tents wherever they wish (sidewalks, parks) it will deter tax paying citizens from using the parks, (due to sanitation, intimidation, fear) which are maintained from taxpayers money.

Furthermore, the odacity to believe that homeless people wish to reside outside, in tents, in inclement weather without proper services ie... toilets, showers is a crime in itself. Stop putting a bandaid on the homeless situation, use the allotted money to find permanent, stable housing for the homeless. If you really wish to treat homeless people w respect, do something respectful for them and find a real solution that will take the needs of all the people in your county into account. The city is already overrun w tents, and trash, more tents in our beautiful parks are not the answer. Leave the parks to their pristine condition where everyone can safely enjoy them.

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