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

I am writing to voice my full support of the Shelter to Housing Continuum Project. As a volunteer in a local food pantry I meet people every week who are worried about meeting their most basic needs. Legalizing group living and RV/tiny house parking will provide so many more options for permanent housing, while expanding options for temporary and permanent shelter will help our most vulnerable neighbors have a safe place to sleep, prepare food, and access services. To that end, I support the recommendations from Portland Neighbors Welcome to allow siting of shelters on undeveloped, non-sensitive property zoned Open Space; to waive the requirement for a conditional use permit for churches and other community-based organizations in low-density zones; and to allow alternative sanitation for vehicle dwelling.

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