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

I'm writing in support of the Shelter to Housing Continuum Project, as a much-needed move to reduce barriers to safe housing for the lowest-income Portlanders. Toward that end, I further support amending the proposal to allow churches and other religious or community organizations to host sanctioned shelters without conditional use review. Some of the testimony on this proposal expresses understandable concerns about shelters in city parks, but I hope that the Council will allow for the possibility of outdoor shelters elsewhere in Open Space zones, in less-sensitive areas or undeveloped public land.

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