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

“Houselessness” is not “camping.” Please focus efforts on finding permanent solutions that get people off the streets and out of our parks and into actual shelter. The public health risks of camps in our parks are real and cannot be ignored. Human waste associated with “camping” in public spaces is destroying our quality of life for all of us. Our first priority should be getting people out of tents and into safe stable shelter, regardless of drug use or mental health needs. Living outdoors is not a desirable state for anyone. Please stop enabling this problem with these bandaid solutions.

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