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

I understand that solving the issue of houselessness is important and that it is complex with no simple solution. I cannot, however, support all of the provisions of this recommendation. Specifically, providing space for "camps" in or near public parks. These parks are for the use of all citizens, including families with children who may not have any other access to open spaces. Allowing these camps to utilize public park space or adjacent space deprives others of their use and is a public safety hazard when trash (including used syringes and other sharp objects like broken glass) is left for children or others to find.

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