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

It is time to no longer allow camping on any public land. As a community we have and continue to spend money to have beautiful shared public areas that are no longer safe or sanitary due to tolerating people to camp on areas not meant for human habitation. I am convinced that we will not solve the homeless crisis as long as anyone can come to our city and be allowed to camp for free anywhere they want. This is ruining the quality of life for our citizens. We must keep funding solutions to provide options and housing for people and please continue to address our shortage of housing. Also please fund mental health support. But if we really want to solve the crisis - let's no longer tolerate camping on public land that is not zoned for camping. Let's have campgrounds with infrastructure to support this land use in every neighborhood but please, please - not on sidewalks, public open space, restored habitat, parks, etc.

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