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

Mayor Wheeler & City Council Members, When we voted to put you in office, it was with the understanding that you were going to clean up Portland, get us back on track, and end homelessness. I am once again beyond disappointed with what you have planned. We as home OWNERS and TAX payers want the livability of our city restored. Our city looks like a garbage dump, with no laws being enforced. Help us, we don't feel safe, protected, or secure. I live in a community of 90 condos, (with mostly elderly, single women) we keep our area clean, we watch out for each other and we follow laws. We watched our water bills increase to create bio swales in our area to help filler water run off. Yet the city lets people camp on the streets, with no running water, and use our streets to dump their waste and garbage. Talk about a double standard here. We are aware of the break in's and theft in our neighborhood when a campsite goes up. We don't have enough police (and you take their tools away) to deal with all the problems. At least last year kids didn't have to walk through filth, garbage, and sometimes deal with rude, offensive or downright scary people to get to school...what happens when they go back? We deserve a clean city, NO TENTS in our NEIGHBORHOODS OR PARKS! This is not the answer! Enforce the laws, keep the people who pay the bill and follow the laws safe. Help the people who want help, get help for those who are addicted to drugs, help the ones who are mentally unstable, and arrest the ones who break the law....and keep them in jail! That's the only way we go forward and succeed, putting homeless people in neighborhoods is not helpful to them, and certainly not for us...and... is a total cop out for those in charge. You ran to fix our city, this is not how you do it! Please, please please, do your jobs! Kris Clarke

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