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

I strongly object to any changes to city code to allow tents, recreational vehicles, or living quarters of any kind in Portland's Parks or on the streets surrounding them. A change in the city code to allow sleeping or camping in parks would effectively make them unusable by the public and turn our Portland Parks Bureau into a garbage and trash service bureau. While my sympathy and my wallet is strong in support for people experiencing homelessness, the answer is not to ruin the facilities that exist throughout our city that are meant to be appropriately used by the entire public. We must continue to find ways to alleviate the homeless crisis. Surrendering our park space to a small segment of the population them is not the right thing to do and it is not how I want my taxes to be spent.

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