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

I am in strong support of policy changes to reduce the camping that is widespread across downtown and the eastside of Portland. I am concerned about the concentration of potential shelter locations in SE Portland and urge the city to equitably distribute shelter options across the city. I also urge you to consider taking the following actions in order to balance short-term success and long-term impact of current actions. 1) No permanent changes to the codes at this time. Let Title 15 expire so that random camping is no longer allowed and extend a new emergency declaration to allow these new codes to be enacted temporarily under the new emergency time frame (no longer than one year). 2) An enforcement plan must be delineated and be expressly coupled to this action so that as new managed shelters are established, random camps are shut down, removed, cleaned up and then monitored so they can not reestablish. 3) a detailed description of what the management plan is for each site and who ,specifically, is responsible for it's implementation and results needs to be published before any vote is taken.

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