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

I am not in favor of the city siting homeless groups in natural open spaces and parks in the neighborhoods. I recommend the removal of Open Space Zones, including developed parks, natural areas and trails, from consideration for either temporary or permanent homeless shelters except for a declaration of emergency by the City Council due to a catastrophic natural disaster. I'd be in favor of the city providing campgrounds utilizing empty parking lots downtown or spaces in more industrial areas of the city, with portable showers and toilets, laundry facilities, and easy access to food banks and social services. This proposal will just increase the continued trashing of our city and increase property crime, all while taking much needed open, natural space from our citizens.

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