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

First, I note that this proposal creates permanent changes to the zoning regulations for what is expressed to be a temporary situation. I object strongly to opportunistic permanent changes to correct alleged temporary problems. Pick one! Second, I see no proposal, or even explanation, for a permanent solution to this alleged "temporary" situation. I strongly object to any actions that do not address permanent solutions. If our city council is incompetent to even describe, let alone plan permanently for, the situation at hand, that city council should be prohibited from enacting long-term regulatory changes therefore, with no plans, no understanding, nor even vague comprehension of the overall issue to which their actions are supposedly directed. Thrashing about with no real plan is what Portland does, and this is an excellent example thereof. Third, as an East Portland homeowner and resident, I note that this proposal will dramatically and deleteriously affect East Portland far more than the rest of the city, but note contrarily the lack of representation of East Portland on the city council, and on those involved in pushing this proposal forward. This is a serious conflict of interest, as well as a violation of the basic democratic concept of No Legislation Without Representation.

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