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

The homeless crisis in Portland has not been appropriately managed. As a resident and small business owner in the city I must add my voice to this conversation. Some key points I share with fellow residents and neighbors: 1) Portland citizens need to see a revised map showing equitable distribution of potential shelter spaces in ALL portland communities. Even if SE has more potential spaces, they should be removed from the map until a balance of ALL communities is shown. 2) There should be 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). 3) 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 be re-establish. 4) There must be 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. The city of Portland is deteriorating before our eyes. We need far better than what we've had and a true plan to solve the problems our city faces.

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