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

The idea of opening up public parks to allow camping has me deeply concerned. During this very hard year of Covid protocols, I have found the parks a welcome bit of sunshine and solice. The feeling of normalcy is undisputed. I have lived in Portland of 30 years. This is one of our huge legacies that make Portland more liveable. It's a beauty that can't easily be replaced. I'm quite sure there are other options for housing the homeless. tiny homes would be lovely. Please don't ruin our parks!

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