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

I support the Shelter to Housing Continuum Project, with a few simple amendments, because it will help my houseless neighbors find and keep stable living situations. This measure gives us more tools and options we need: it allows group living by right in existing residential structures; it creates new, legal, and stable options on residential private property; it relaxes conditional-use review requirements for shelters in most zones; and it expands the allowed accommodation types in outdoor shelters. I support these amendments: -Extend the Housing Emergency, at the very least six months past the end of the public health emergency while we transition back to something closer to normal. -Allow sanctioned Outdoor Shelters in appropriate, approved sites in Open Space zones and in the right-of-way. -Reduce time and cost for setting up Outdoor Shelters -Don't undermine existing vehicle dwellings.

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