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

I strongly support the Shelter to Housing Continuum to give our most vulnerable residents access to more stable housing options. I also support the amendments proposed by Portland: Neighbors Welcome to provide additional flexibility in shelter options, and encourage City Commissioners to extend the Housing State of Emergency. Like many people in Portland, I see people struggling with housing every day. Many people live in cars along my street. I recently took the attached photo, just outside my house. It shows a person's camper home that burned in the February ice storm; he escaped but lost many of his belongings, including his cat. I understand the Shelter to Housing Continuum will not fix all our housing issues. But it's an important step! Thank you for supporting this work to help address our housing crisis.

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