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

S2HC Proposed Open Space Amendments-1 and PDX Zoning: It has NEVER been the intent of beautiful public parks to be used for camping in any city in America. In May 2020, The Metro Homeless Services Tax passed, which was a historic measure. Volunteer groups are chasing their tails, trying to clean up garbage from homeless camps that are scattered throughout Portland. Citizens are being asked to have compassion for the down-trodden, addicted, and mentally ill. The homeless situation in Portland is at an extreme crisis level and allowing camping in Open Space Zones (which includes City Parks!) does absolutely nothing to help. Those of us that love and support Portland, have been continually asked to give more money, time, and compassion to the homeless. NOW IS THE TIME FOR PORTLAND'S CITY OFFICIALS TO SHOW UNDERSTANDING AND COMPASSION TO IT'S VERY FRUSTRATED CITIZENS! Please support your constituents by not passing these amendments.

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