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

No more camping in our city, I beg of you. If we allow parks, which taxpayers pay for, to become open spaces for homeless camping, we're doing ourselves in for the long term. No one will want to come to our city, no one will want to visit our city—we already have a long recovery ahead and we all know this. Why on earth would we make it worse by allowing MORE camping. We are in the process of building a million dollar home in Portland because we love this city and we want to invest in it. But I'm scared. Between the homeless problem and the shootings that we can't seem to get a handle on, I am terrified that people are going to abandon what was once such a great place to live. I am from here—born and raised, and vote democrat. It's TOO MUCH to allow this to take over the city. I want and am open to solutions, but no more camping. Please vote against this.

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