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

As a bird watcher and leader of groups with Portland Audubon, I strongly support amending S2HC to remove open spaces from consideration as shelter locations. Former Parks Director Zari Santeria's letter to Mike Lindbergh lists multiple reasons to protect our parks, and I fully support her request. Even with temporary usage, I believe the damage to both the environment and to our perception of the parks as natural havens would take a long time to heal. I know how I am reluctant to approach places with illegal camping, and even under supervision, a shelter in a park or open space would affect the public's willingness to visit. Please remove this option.

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