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

To change the City of Portland zoning code to allow homeless encampments in public parks would be detrimental to the city's neighborhoods, businesses, and tourism. Furthermore, while this proposal is characterized as "compassionate" by some vocal city leaders, allowing people to live in tents surrounded by garbage, human waste and drug needles is not showing compassion--changing the city's zoning code to legally codify "shanty towns" is an utter failure of city leadership to find real solutions to the housing crisis. Real solutions will require investing significant resources in public housing and services. Legal "shanty towns" are the embodiment of a moral failure of city leadership towards ALL in the community--the housed and the unhoused.

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