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

As a homeowner and architect living in the city of Portland, I certainly agree that something must be done about the homeless situation in Portland. However, simply allowing more encampments throughout the city is not the answer. Furthermore, the proposed map to makes encampments permissible in the less economically influential parts of the city. The city also just passed a measure expanding homeless services. The city needs to come up with a better solution than simply allowing encampments. My specific concerns about this measure: 1. Equitable distribution of encampments throughout the city (i.e. all neighborhoods need to shoulder responsibility 2. Specific and measurable criteria for allowing and maintaining camps. 3. Timeframe for more longterm solutions. 1.

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