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

Although the objective of this proposal may be admirable, I believe the risk of unintended consequences is enormous. I live across the street from a city park and I would not want to see it destroyed by the garbage, drug use, and other problems that inevitably accompany homeless camping (even for 180 days). How can we be assured that even if we are able to help the resident homeless population that Portland won't become a magnet for homeless across the state and even the west coast? If you are going to pass these code changes I urge the city council to include restrictions that says that if a person is offered shelter they must take it or move out of the city (ie camping anywhere in the city is forbidden). For example, I was outraged that the campers in Laurelhurst Park were given the option not to accept shelter but rather moved the problem temporarily elsewhere. This is unintended consequences and no improvement.

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