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

We have lived at our current address in the Pearl District for almost 20 years. We moved here because we want to be in a house. Our neighborhood is comprised of condominiums, apartment buildings, and businesses. Our parks are where folks go to be with their their kids and grand kids, to walk and talk with neighbors and meet with friends, to play ball and get some sun, to run the dog and just enjoy some open space. The parks are our backyard! We have volunteers who help keep them clean. What will the city do if you invite tent camps? Will YOU keep it clean and pick up needles every day? Will YOU provide the necessary sanitary facilities and Will YOU clean them and empty garbage cans every day? I don't believe YOU will. Don't allow camping in our backyard.

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