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

As someone who lives very close to massive camps (that the city refuses to clean up or remove) I'm horrified to think that our public parks will become open camping areas. Crime is up 500% in my neighborhood. My household has submitted FOUR police reports for theft or vandalism. Two cars on our street (including ours) have been stolen since the camps landed almost a year ago and were allowed to stay, and we continue to find people shooting up drugs in our side yard. We submit reports about the illegal activity and nothing is done. Portland looks like an absolute dump zone. There is trash and furniture and shit everywhere There is graffiti everywhere. Why is the city not paying people (who need jobs) to clean this up? I understand that the city is experiencing a homeless crisis that was exacerbated by the pandemic, but ignoring the greater problem doesn't solve it. The proposal to allow homeless camps in public parks is going to destroy this city, and right now parks are one of the few things this city has to provide solace to people coping with quarantine and social distancing restrictions. Please do not destroy our public parks. Please do not approve this repugnant proposal.

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