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

The outstanding problem here in Portland is a homeless crisis, manifested in a proliferation of tents, encampments, garbage and unsanitary conditions, which are essentially unlivable for unhoused Portlanders. The Shelter to Housing Continuum simply extends this very situation without improving conditions for unhoused people. The proposal offers no tangible help for the unhoused in terms of actually providing housing, mental health/addiction support, etc. It fails to address the needs of unhoused Portlanders in a compassionate way. The SHC also adversely impacts Portlanders on the very issues that the SHC hopes to address, including cleaner and safer public spaces.

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