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

I would like to request we not include our city parks, especially those adjacent to schools, in the plan to allow camping in open spaces. We have young children up and down the block that cross through Wallace Park to use the public parks amenities. Even without this project, we no longer feel safe allowing them to do so because of the harassment experienced from homeless groups that already use the park to congregate. We can no longer safely use the basketball court and the covered picnic area because of these incidents. While school is not currently in session, when it does resume, expecting children to walk through a gauntlet of tents to get to their school entrance is unreasonable. Please adjust your plan to not include city parks.

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