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

I and my housemates live in the area that will be heavily impacted if S2HC passes. The impact on the value of our home will be great. This area is already stressed with the number of homeless people camping, living in their cars and aged RV's made possible by the Title 15 emergency measure. THAT MEASURE NEEDS TO EXPIRE. While totally sympathetic to the needs of the homeless, it shouldn't be solved by creating ghetto cities, primarily in the East County. To borrow a phrase, 'We're all in this together'. We don't want to become the dumping ground for the city of Portland. It's time for equity. Concentrating shelters in the East is not. It might cost more to spread shelters out around the city but, why not pass a tax measure to offset it? Please - 1.   See that Title 15 is NOT made permanent.   2.   Create a map showing equitable distribution of potential shelter spaces in ALL Portland neighborhoods.   3.   Even if East County has more potential spaces, they should be removed from the map until a balance of ALL communities is shown.
4.   Break up the concentration of social service centers in East County and re-distribute social services throughout the City. That would be equitable.   5.   Let Title 15 expire so that random camping is no longer allowed; extend a new emergency declaration to allow these new codes to be enacted temporarily under the new emergency time frame (no longer than one year).   6.   An enforcement plan must be delineated and be expressly coupled to this action so that as new managed shelters are established, random camps are shut down, removed, cleaned up and then monitored so they cannot reestablish.   7.   Provide a detailed description of what the management plan is for each site and who specifically, is responsible for its implementation. This plan must be published before any vote is taken.   Respectfully, Patricia A. Donohue

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