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

I'm writing to express my deep concern and opposition to the City Council's recommendation that allows temporary shelters in public Open Space. I recommend that Open Space, including developed parks, natural areas, and trails, be removed from consideration for siting of either permanent or temporary shelters. Portlanders have voted time and time again to protect and fund our public parks system even during a pandemic for all to enjoy, and just approved a 5 year tax levy to support this initiative. Making this change to zoning after the bill has been passed, betrays what Portlanders voted for in November. Please uphold the values and votes of your citizens.

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