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

I strongly urge you to deny this proposal. I live in a densely populated area of Portland with many apartments and condos, and the parks are the only place we have to go to be outside, especially during Covid. Where would children go to play if the parks are full of tents? I am sympathetic to the homeless and feel a solution needs to be found, but parks are not the answer. There are many other areas of land and parking lots not being used that could be turned into nicer facilities for the homeless. I appreciate this issue being made available for public comment and hope you will take everyone's thoughts and ideas into consideration.

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