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

Portland has worked tirelessly to build, maintain and preserve the parks in our City for use by everyone. Allowing shelters in our parks will limit the areas where children and adults (from all socioeconomic and cultural groups) can play and relax freely in a clean and safe environment. We know from experience that outdoor shelters are very difficult to keep clean and sanitary and there are many other innovative ideas that have been presented that address the issue spot on without impacting the majority of the population. This "solution" will drive residents out of the city, decrease property values, and have a negative social and financial impact on Portland at the exact moment when the City is trying to recover from a pandemic and civil unrest. It does the complete opposite of your below: The Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) develops creative and practical solutions to enhance Portland's livability, preserve distinctive places and plan for a resilient future.

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