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

As a citizen of Portland I am truly ashamed of the state of our city. Tents, trash, open drug use and violent behavior have been allowed to become the norm rather than the exception. This proposal seems to offer zero real solutions to the challenges we're facing yet formally hands over our public parks and related spaces to memorialize this already intractable problem. The 180 day limitation seems disingenuous at best considering the permanency of other so called temporary and pilot projects blighted our neighborhoods. Those who will suffer most of all are the residents of camps many of whom are likely badly in need of rehabilitation and deserving of real housing. The proposed project is a disaster for all involved and must be stopped if we're to ever resolve this crisis.

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