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

This is not the best way to go about helping the homeless. Portland is one of the few cities in the country, with the highest number of parks/green spaces. Please do not make it impossible for families to bring their children to the parks, or for adults to enjoy outdoor activities. I believe the city must provide help to the homeless community. Safe sheltered environments that also provide services, and help to get people off the street. Opening up any/all green spaces without these services, will only make matters worse for the community as a whole - the homeless and the resident community business and home owners. Please Please don't do this. You only need to look at downtown Portland, to predict the future for all of Portland.

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