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

Please remove using open spaces like our public parks for shelter. As a mother with two young children my local Wallace park is a regular part of our routine to socialize and burn off their boundless energy. I refuse to take them to a couch park because of the high volume of homeless people who camp on its perimeter because I don't feel that I am safe there. It's incredibly unfortunate how many homeless Portlanders suffer from addiction and mental illness, but these conditions also lead to erratic and at times threatening behaviors. Please consider the need for all Portlanders to feel safe in their local park especially during covid when indoor options are severely limited.

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