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

Expanding the homeless crisis into city parks and green spaces is not the solution. People need a safe and clean space to exercise, use playground equipment, enjoy softball or basketball games, picnics, and simply relax. I live on Kenton Park, which is heavily utilized by people of all ages for all the things I just mentioned. Having worked remotely for the past year, I've witnessed the park being well maintained and the high level of daily use from citizens. Allowing camps into parks and greenspaces will put parks in jeopardy, have lasting repercussions, and some parks may never recover. We need better answers, but this is definitely NOT it.

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