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

Hello Mayor Wheeler, Eric, Commissioner's Dan, Jo Ann, Carmen, and Mingus, Thank you for your work towards helping the homeless, we are all heartbroken about this. To move them to into our neighborhoods, by schools, parks and golf courses is not the answer. I have personally been abused by a homeless man who entered my business, had to clean up feces by my office, and had my home in Parkrose area robbed, and now drive a different route to avoid streets due to increased violence and homeless illegally parked in our residential zone. Allowing them further into our neighborhoods and parks will continue to destroy public property and cost the city more to clean up garbage, human feces, needles etc. As a tax payer and health care business owner for over 38 years it is very troubling to see these wonderful people in non-sanitary places and bringing in rats, infections, violence. etc, it is not humane to let them be on their own and out of doors, they are not camping. Some have, but most have demonstrated that they are not capable of caring for themselves or want the City's help. The current plans have not worked. It is time for tough love and not let them ruin these parks and our city. We are over capacity with the homeless population and simply cannot take care of them all. One option might be to charge other city's and states where they have come from to help the financial burden that has been created, and set up locations for them away from neighborhoods, schools, and parks, and help those who want help to get back on their feet. Businesses and homeowners are leaving the area due to this and you will have less tax dollars to work with in the future if more destruction happens. Thank you for your time and consideration towards this difficult issue. Providing safe social distancing DOT Physical exams and Chiropractic care in a sanitized environment. Sincerely, Annette Dr. Annette Stevko FMCSA Medical Examiner Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician The D.O.T Exam Center (formerly Hollywood Chiropractic) 503-287-3725 4111 NE Tillamook Street Portland, OR 97212 Annette@thedotexamcenter.com

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