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

Please do not allow people to camp in the parks in Portland. Portland is already being taken over by the tragedy of homeless people setting up camps all over the city, please **DO NOT** make it easier to live on the streets here. You will attract more people. I have seen businesses closed, I own a business myself and have had to bring clients through the back door because of the homeless population in Portland. I have had them poop on my door and rub it all over the wall, I have had a homeless man rub his penis on the window where my patients could see, I have had a loogie spit on my car because I parked too close to a tent that was set up in the street. I have also pulled up to a park to go play on it with my two year old, and had to leave because a homeless man was drunk and drinking lying on the slide. It is a MESS, and it is time for Portland to take their city back, **NOT** make it easier for the drug abuse, trash, **UNSAFE** conditions to continue. I don't feel safe in the city that I have always loved anymore, I don't feel proud to show off this city anymore. I see the draw of protecting homeless people and creating a home for them, but by allowing the mess to continue, you are displacing businesses, people's safety, children who want to play... it doesn't come without sacrifice. I pay taxes for these parks, let's reserve them for what they were created for and **KEEP THEM SAFE!!**

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