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

While I can understand the allowance of camping in public parks during the emergency of the pandemic, I strongly oppose it in non emergency situations. We live near Collins Circle, which has become overrun with houseless campers, leading to used needles and a rat infestation impacting both businesses and residents. The parks are not safe places to allow camping because the city does not have the services or resources to keep them healthy and hygienic.

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