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

I have lived in portland since 1977. I have owned 3 homes here. I also travel for work to many cities of similar size. I have also worked in homeless services in Old Town. Portland looks like a 3rd world country. Allowing shelters in parks is a terrible idea. You were given free use of a brand new facility and you turned it down. Nothing good is happening in these park camps. It is inhumane and cowardly that this is what we are offering. It is also chasing people (healthcare workers like my wife and I) out of what has been our home our entire lives. What are we doing here? What is the future of this once beautiful city. It is embarrassing and shameful. Please consider what you are doing to our city's reputation, our property values, our kids, and our quality of life. This is the continuance of the failed leadership of Portland. This will fix nothing.

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