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

I am writing regarding the Shelter to Housing Continuum Project. I know you are receiving many comments, so I will be brief. I oppose the proposal to make camping legal in Portland parks. In cases of natural disaster or other emergency, camping makes sense, but it should not be allowed as a solution to the region's ongoing challenges with homelessness. I urge you to exhaust all other solutions before you allow people to camp in Portland parks for six months at a time. In some cases, it may make sense to use parts of some large or unused parks for a proposal like this, but it makes little sense to allow this when there are other options available. Thank you for your consideration.

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