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

I strongly disagree with this. We need to get the camp grounds off the streets, out of the parks and get our city cleaned up. There needs to be a better solution. Portland and Oregon once were known as the cleanest in the nation. We now look like downtown Detroit did for many years. The one thing that attracted me to move here 40 years ago was how clean and safe the cities were. If we continue with campgrounds everywhere we are going to not be able to attract tourism or conventions here (there are many other cities that are beautiful and feel safe) Can't tell you how many people and businesses want to move out of Portland already, this decision would make it happen much sooner. I don't feel safe in our city now and I will not take children down to our beautiful parks and waterfronts as long as it looks the way it does. Our city government needs to come up with some solutions that make sense.

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