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

Hello, I am a homeowner, mother, taxpayer, activist, and community volunteer, and I reside in the Bridlemile neighborhood of SW Portland. I am writing to you today to request that you please move forward with the continuation of the Shelter to Housing Continuum project. I am a supporter have having more options for safe and reliable shelters for our fellow neighbors. I know a lot of my neighbors who may testify will think differently of my opinion, but I wanted you to know that there is a changing tide in these more "effluent" neighborhoods. We are pushing back on NIMBYs (Not in my back yard), and we need to continually work on understanding that the homeless situation in our city is for everyone to help and participate in. Not shrug it to another side of the city. I hope that more of my neighbors will step to express their empathy and compassion for a complicated situation like homelessness. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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