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

Honorable City Commissioners, I appreciate your efforts to address the housing problem in Portland, we clearly need short-term and long-term solutions. It appears this proposal addresses both with only long-term solutions that should not always be permanent. The most glaring is the rezoning (a permanent change) of city parks to allow for camping. There is a very good reason camping is prohibited in public parks and changing that is a slippery slope. If there are specific parks you feel are appropriate for siting long-term camping sites that will be monitored and supported by city services then I strongly suggest a more direct and specific authorization approach as opposed to a general rezoning of all parks. Thank you for your consideration.

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