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

Mayor Wheeler and members of City Council, I highly object to a provision in the Shelter to Housing Continuum Project allowing use of Open Space Zones for camping . I moved to this area for the vibrant arts, boutiques and businesses offered in the downtown and Pearl district. After this past year, obviously many of the streets have converted to camping hurting these businesses, if not closing them down completely due to COVID already, changing the landscape of the once coveted Portland. Changing one of the delights Portland continues to provide to another area for infestation, lowering our property values dramatically is not the answer. Please change this Provision in the proposal. Warmest Regards, Laura Coughlin

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