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

I am horrified that the PCC is even considering this. Have you walked by Mt. Tabor or Laurelhurst park lately? I used to take my children to the park regularly and have been a lifelong resident of Portland. Is the priority to take the amazing parks, which are paid for with our tax dollars, away from children, families, and neighborhoods so homeless can camp, leave trash, use everywhere as a bathroom and leave needles and other drug "equipment" everywhere? This movement has gotten out of hand and you are not listening to the majority of your residents. Your job is to represent the community and hear our voices. I imagine the only voices fighting for this ordinance is your own committee. I am a devastated Portland resident that can't even let my child walk to the local public school. I hope someone actually listens to those of us that live in these neighborhoods and come up with another solution. Please represent those who you are HERE to represent.

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