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

The city has plenty of property sitting idle that can be temporarily used to house the service resistant homeless population. We cannot afford to make this city look like more of a dump by cedeing our public parks to people that WILL NOT RESPECT THEM. Too many violent criminals and registered sex offenders hide within the homeless population to risk putting these people in close proximity to children and other vulnerable tax-paying citizens that wish to use their parks for their intended purpose. This is a terrible idea and will open up the city to a great deal of liability. The first time a person is attacked by a mentally ill homeless person....expect a massive public outcry and lawsuit. You can do better than punishing your tax base by making us deal with these people while we try to enjoy the parks we pay for.

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