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

Dear City Council: Our taxpayer-funded parks should be havens for people seeking peace, nature, and safe spaces for their children to play. They were not designed to house the homeless and to meet their many and complex needs. The city has many other spaces available for that. Most residents would like to see the city help the homeless, but not in this way, not at the expense of our precious public natural spaces whose maintenance we are supporting through our taxes. Please think this through; permitting homeless shelters in parks will likely backfire. I urge you not to vote for it.

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