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

Subject: Shelter to Housing Continuum (S2HC) Dear Portland City Council, As an avid user of our city parks, I ask that the open space zones be removed from consideration of either temporary or permanent houseless shelters. The parks should be a place to enjoy as individuals, or with family and friends. I have seen what has happened to several of the city parks due to the lack of enforcing NO camping in parks. They have become scary, rat infested, littered and dangerous places for the general public to enjoy. I have witnessed public urination, a drug addict “shooting up,” a man waving an unsheathed machete and a homeless man screaming at two small children on their way to the swings at one of our parks. Please take open space zones off of the list so that tax paying citizens can enjoy these spaces for what they are intended – safe outdoor spaces.

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