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

I am writing in opposition. Expanding homeless encampments to public spaces like golf courses and parks will have negative unintended consequences for the homeless. More encampments will add to public health hazards for the poorest in our city. They will contribute to economic decline which reduces tax revenue and suppresses employment opportunities for our most vulnerable.

Encampments also contribute to the decay of public order which besets our city. Please vote against these proposals. Thank you.

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