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

Dear City Council, As you may know flyers have been posted at several parks throughout Multnomah county, dealing with zone changes, that would allow camping in parks for no more than 180 days. Any amount of time is problematic and just a band-aid again to deal with the homeless situation. I applaud your possible 'housing for homeless' zoning code change, but it should not include parks that, as you say, should be used by everybody, but not for camping or crapping freely. As we already know, it is a huge problem in general but also environmentally. So many buildings are empty and could be used better. Fema has, I am sure, extra shower and toilet trucks for women and men. Use them, buy them. I rather have my taxes used for that than the forever park clean-ups. Thank you for your time and keep doing the peoples work. Sincerely, Helga Saitowitz

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