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

I am extremely concerned about the recommendation that allows temporary shelters in public Open Space. Developed parks, natural areas, and trails, must be removed from consideration for siting of either permanent or temporary shelters. Allowing temporary shelters in public park, golf courses etc will eliminate the practical use of those spaces from everyone else. If these tents and campout spots are put up they will never come down. I want children to feel safe to play in parks, golf courses to be used as they are intended and our downtown districts to feel safe and clean again. With downtown already in a state of crisis this will ruin small businesses, ruin the downtown housing market and ultimately is a sanitation and safety issue. Please remove language Open Space language.

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