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

I'm extremely concerned and I don't support many aspects of the "shelter to housing project" as it is a detriment to our community. As a business owner and a resident since 1979, this is the worst I've seen Portland. We already are faced with mentally ill, drugged up individuals and cars/trucks being used as permanent housing by being parked for the past 6 months in front of businesses with no enforcement. I am having to keep the doors to my businesses locked as we don't feel safe. We are having these crazed individuals coming in and harassing our employees and clients with little to no police response because no one was hurt....this time. The entire idea that you would consider, even temporarily, to allow our parks to fall victim to this lawlessness and filth is sad and disturbing. You have parking lots filled with tents/lean-tos, etc, if you're going to proceed with this additional level of excess spending of our tax dollars, do it in these lots, not our parks and sidewalks. We are not feeling safe as it is. I am strongly advising against this decision.

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