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

I'm writing to strongly oppose the rezoning of the Open Space Zone for "houseless shelters." Portland's parks are an important asset of our city, enjoyed by residents and visitors, and supported by the taxes of property owners. If they are used for "houseless shelters," they will no longer be available to residents or visitors. Lack of housing is a massive problem. Turning our parks into encampments is not the answer. Should you ever decide to put together a citizen committee to brainstorm solutions, I would be pleased to participate.

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