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

I appreciate you are trying to tackle a problem with many complexities but I do not support including public parks in this proposal. Can you exclude them from the proposal? Parks are for everyone to be able to use and enjoy, and if they end up being used for shelters, that will not be the case anymore. Please dont take away the parks. And in my honest opinion, and judging by the state of things in portland, the temporary use of parks up to 180 days would just be extended because you aren't going to solve the homelessness issue in 6 months. So I propose you dont even put parks on the table.

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