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

Any proposal that allows the temporary use of parks and open space for a period of time (no more than 180 days?), historically will be extended to a longer period. Since parks and open space have often been purchased with bond money or gifted and commonly limited to that specific purpose, normally with deed restrictions, they must be used for parks, recreation or open space purposes only. The tax paying property owner is held to restrictive use standards with strict penalties and I feel that this standard should be consistent. I have no problem with my tax monies being spent on people in need but not the portion of people who use the system and its loop holes. I feel that tax monies that are set aside for the houseless individuals needs to be use in 'Small House' communities in areas that don't effect the general public, not at off ramps, sidewalks and vacant public spaces. I do not agree with this proposal.

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