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

I live in a densely populated part of Portland- the Pearl District. Several thousand people live in the area and the neighborhood has three small blocks of green space/ parks. This is the only green space we have. We do not have yards adjacent to our living spaces /property. The parks in the Pearl are always filled with visitors and are always crowded. No Camping can possibly be allowed in these parks. The parks are NOT camps. They do not have any infrastructure. This does NOT solve the homeless problem in our city. Homeless need access to toilets, showers, a place to cook meals, laundry, electricity. Parks are not places to live. If people are allowed to camp in parks the city's trash crisis will also continue to worsen. The city of Portland must also get the trash crisis under control. I don't even recognize the city I love and have always called home. No camps in parks!
Thank you

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