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

I'm in opposition to the proposal of putting shelters in our parks to house the house less population. The taxpayers have passed measures to provide funding for affordable housing. Taxpayers have also passed measures to provide for their parks. The elected officials need to find a real solution to the problem. We do not need the mentally ill, the drug addicted or the toxic filth that will no doubt infiltrate the parks if this is allowed to go through. Parks should be treated as a refuge for our kids and families to enjoy. Please do not allow shelters in the parks for any amount of time. Find a real solution instead. Look to other cities who have tackled the problems, instead of just throwing tax payer dollars at the wall to see if they stick. This has gone on too long. Parks are a ridiculous solution.

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