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

I am writing in support of the proposed changes to the zoning code. I am a 31-year-old legal professional who has lived all over Portland over the course of many years. As a Portlander and as a devout Christian, I view people experiencing homelessness as my neighbors. As such, I believe providing a legal space to find shelter is the very least we can do. Outdoor, emergency, and mass and short term shelter are what you must provide when you have already failed to provide adequate affordable and supportive housing. To refuse to provide shelter once you have failed at this essential task is inexcusably inhumane.

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