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

I am a resident of Portland, and run a business that employs 1,400 people, located within the city limits. I COMPLETELY OPPOSE the open space provision. Portland Parks are among the few remaining areas where children and families can be together safely. Many parks are without sanitation facilities. Further exposing children to smoking, drug and alcohol use would be unconscionable by the City Council. The city doesn't have adequate resources to patrol current homeless camping, and yet you are proposing 100's of additional acres to patrol? The "solid, working citizens" of our City have needs and rights too. And we pay our taxes to support the city. Please do NOT cede our key to open space, our favorite places, our respite from hard work, to the suffering few, thereby ruining our parks for everyone else. This is a TERRIBLE IDEA. Sincerely, Andrew Beyer, 49 year Portland resident and taxpayer.

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