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

Thank you for your consideration. I am writing regarding the potential changes to regulations for tiny homes on wheels on residential properties. While I support long-term living in tiny homes and removing restrictions on length of stay on tiny homes on wheels parked on residential properties, in my experience, it is imperative that appropriate laws and regulations be in place and enforced for these residences. My neighbor has rented space in their back yard to two tiny homes on wheels, with one tiny home parked along our shared 6ft high fence, with windows peering directly into my yard and bedroom. At first blush, two tiny homes on one lot is already breaking regulations, and indicative of the level of enforcement currently in place. Current regulations state that one tiny home is allowed per lot in residential zones. This should be enforced consistently. THOWs are taller than tiny homes and some standard homes, and often have sightlines directly into neighbors homes and yards. There are currently no regulations for setbacks to ensure privacy for neighbors and residents. These regulations should be created and enforced consistently. Portland.gov encourages tiny house residents and landlords to maintain as much fire distance as possible, but these guidelines are just that--guidelines, not specific nor enforceable. At the very least, for the safety of all residents and neighbors, fire safety regulations and sanitary regulations must be created and enforced consistently. THOWs are neither homes nor RVs, and deserve their own considerations and regulations, which should be carefully considered for the safety of their residents, neighbors, and property owners.

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