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

Please do not allow 180-day shelters in parks and other public spaces. Please create real shelters and stop letting people overtake the streets and allowing camps. My children and I over the last year have felt terrorized living in this city. My property has been stolen, we've been threatened and lunged at while in no way interacting with these houseless people (I'm a mom with three young kids), I've seen houseless people doing inappropriate things outside of my kindergartener's school in the park (humping the ground near kids), I've seen someone poop outside my home, they leave wine bottles and candles, beer bottles, and bags of trash outside my children's bedroom window. Please, please, look at models of other cities such as Washington DC. You need to build more shelters, give houseless people a place to stay inside, not on the streets, and stop allowing camps, where drug use is rampant. Just today my daughters were terrified and almost tripped over someone passed out on the ground with drugs sitting next to him on the ground - on our way to drop my son off at kindergarden. This is daily life in Portland. That's what walking your child to school is like. Please, please don't enable it to become worse.

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