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

I am very concerned about the proposed change to include "open spaces" in the proposal for even temporary homeless shelters. I understand there is a difference between developed and undeveloped open spaces and this proposal does not in any way distinguish between the two. Until this proposal can be more clearly defined with assurances that it will be implemented in a way that does not adversely effect shared open spaces that we just this past fall agreed to more completely fund with taxpayer dollars, I am asking that you please amend language in 33.296.030.G to remove the Open Space Zone from consideration as either temporary or permanent houseless shelters EXCEPT for a declaration of emergency by the City Council due to a catastrophic natural disaster, such as an earthquake. Thank you.

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