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

I am extremely concerned with the Shelter to Housing Continuum. It appears this proposal could allow homeless shelters and outdoor camps to be placed in neighborhoods without any public input. To take our voice away isn't fair, especially since our city has been damaged in the name of free speech. As a grandmother, it is my responsibility to keep my grandchildren safe. Currently I feel I cannot take them to my neighborhood park (Laurelhurst) because of the garbage, needles and human waste that is strewn across the area. Now, you want the authority to allow what is happening at Laurelhurst Park to happen across the city? Livability in this city has steadily declined over the past few years, not just since the pandemic started. Many of us longtime residents are considering moving out, as the proposals being considered have made the needs of the 10,000 to 20,000 homeless residents more important than the livability of the 620,000 residents who call Portland home.

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