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

I completely disagree with the proposal to allow people to shelter in Portland Public Parks, and frankly can't even believe that I live in a city that would propose such a thing! In case you haven't noticed, there is public camping all over the city, resulting in increased trash, decreased safety, and increased drug use in public. PLEASE do not allow our public parks, which are used and enjoyed by families, teens, soccer players, joggers, walkers, and our senior citizens to be inundated by houseless people like our street corners have been. This proposal is disgraceful; property values will collapse as more and more "nomadic" people move to Portland when they find out it is legal to camp anywhere they want to in the city. I am begging you to think of the consequences longer term!

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