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

I am a retired educator who has owned a home in Portland for nearly 6 years. When I heard that the Portland City Council proposed to allow homeless people to set up camps in public parks and essentially wherever they want, I was dismayed. This is allowing a minority of non-tax paying people to ruin a highly valued resource of Portland. To help homeless people, Portland government is going to need to spend money to build low income housing or other facilities that regulate safety and cleanliness benefiting both the residents and neighbors. Please do not pass this proposal.

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