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

Hello City Council, My mother came today to visit, went to Voodoo donuts and told me that Portland is the ugliest city she's ever seen. I used to love to ride my bike downtown, I haven't been there in a year.. Attached is a still from Escape from New York, a dystopian sci-fi film about NY becoming a prison without any city services or law: Also attached is a picture of Portland today: This sci-fi film didn't have the budget to make their set look as bad as Portland does today. There is a homeless and drug problem, but who will be helped by allowing anyone to park/live/camp anywhere? Will anyone's lives improve? Is my or my kids lives improved when I pick up needles in the park? Or when fires or set, trees chopped down, garbage dumped, or stalking through human feces? Use parking lots, empty docks, parking garages, for people to park and camp, that are contained. They don't have to go to shelters (many don't want to, because it cramps their drug and theft lifestyle, there's been several WWeek articles about this.). They can camp outside if that's what they prefer, but in area where it can be contained with sanitation. Not in the middle of the street or in the parks. Try driving down Foster, you have to swerve around the trash/camps. On the spring water corridor there's 10-20 grocery carts, along with cascades of trash coming down the hill from the 99. You need buy-in from your constituents. And if you can get most in shelters, that would be better for everyone, but until then, you'll be making things worse for everyone. Thank you, M. Devendorf

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