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

Please pass the Shelter to Housing Continuum. Please extend the Housing State of Emergency so that it persists as long as our current Public Health emergency plus 6 months longer to allow for transition time back to normalish. Please pass amendments to the Shelter to Housing Continuum project that address the following items: 1. allowance of sanctioned outdoor shelters in Open Space and Right of Way zones: specifically I recommend that this NOT include parks and sensitive natural areas, but there are many Open Space and Right of Way locations that do not meet those criteria. Let's open those areas up! 2. Make it easier to set up Outdoor Shelters by eliminating conditional use requirements and allowing faith and community organizations in all zones to host such shelters. 3. Do not require vehicle dwellings to have sewer connections. This is a terrible use of infrastructure dollars both for the city and the individuals installing them. Let's find alternate solutions like community dump stations, mobile pumping, etc.!

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