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

I am in support of the sanctioned shelters that have onsite services, such as hygiene facilities, garbage collection and, in some cases, wraparound medical, disability, and social services that help people get ready to rent. I am entirely opposed to allowing these sanctioned shelters in residential neighborhoods where the proliferation of unsanctioned camps has taken over and destroyed Portland neighborhood quality of life. I feel like I now live in a ghetto and I do not feel safe in this city. I recognize that the increased theft, property damages, increase in gun violence is a trifecta of pandemic, BLM protests and the increasing, unsolvable homeless situation as well as the poorly titled "defund" the police movement, but cleaning up the blighted and dangerous neighborhoods immediately will be uplifting for all and an aesthetic, environmental choice we should want for all residents and visitors to benefit from.

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