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

I strongly urge a NO on the S2HC proposal. It is seeming more and more that some members of City Council have no real concern for businesses and taxpayers and don't mind that Portland now seems like a giant trash dump. Driving just through SE Portland near where I live looks like we are in a 3rd world country, much less driving anywhere downtown. Being from the Southern US, I have defended Portland from my more conservative leaning family, but now I can no longer defend what a mess Portland has become. For years I have extolled its beauty, raised my kids in its playgrounds and parks, but now I won't let my teenage kids go to neighborhood parks or along the Springwater corridor alone and I avoid many areas. Homeless camps are already trashing parks like Oaks Bottom, all along the river, Westmoreland Park, along Powell Blvd., the list goes on and on. Trash is everywhere and I do not feel safe. There are very few pristine parks left, do you want to trash those as well? My friends are all fed up and all talk about moving, and we have all voted on measures to support the homeless in the past that have so far resulted in nothing. Portland has quickly fallen out of disfavor to tourists, business owners and its own citizens. Passing this proposal will just hasten the downfall.

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