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

I am strongly in favor of the Shelter to Housing Continuum Zoning Code changes, which would allow those experiencing (or at risk of experiencing) houselessness to more easily access existing shelter and housing resources. The project accomplishes this by expanding the definition of what counts as a valid shelter and by making it easier for shelters to be established without going through extra steps of approval. There are many people experiencing houselessness near where I live and sadly, many of them can access housing resources on an extremely impermanent basis. I believe this project would help make that access less temporary and will hopefully improve their long-term living conditions.

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