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

Thank you for allowing us to provide comments. I disagree with this resolution to allow expanded homeless camping for the following reasons: 1. Our city parks are a refuge to enjoy nature and increase our population's well being. 2. This would be a calling card for homeless from other states and areas to move here (I've talked to homeless who told me this). 3. This will increase the amount of garbage and substance abuse, which impacts city budgets to continue to remediate. 4. Decreased tax revenues due to increased business flight from city and fewer tourists and conventions. 5. Many neighbors and I have discussed how filthy the city looks and discussed leaving Solutions : 1. Continue to buildout infrastructure already in place to help transition homeless, such as give more money to Central City Concern. 2. Coordinate organizations that compete for funding (such as Lifeworks and CCC) and governance under a city business alliance person and public health officer, not a political appointee.

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