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

March 16, 2021 Dear Mayor Wheeler and City Commissioners, I am concerned about the Shelter to Housing Continuum (S2HC) proposed zone code changes that would allow for the public parks and golf courses to be used as places for homeless encampments. I do not think this is an appropriate solution to the issue of homelessness in our city. We seriously need to address the systemic causes of homelessness and stop focusing on the symptoms. This code change would be an open invitation for encampments in our parks in addition to what we see all over our city. I think it would render our parks unsafe. Thank You, Karen Gritzka

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