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

I do not support this proposal. Why do the rights of these people supercede the rights of the community? 1. They are dangerous- especially to single women. I live near the Springwater Corridor. I have stepped in feces while hiking. I have been threatened while riding my bike numerous times. I am afraid of experiencing what makes Portland special. Don't women in America live in enough fear? Why bring these camps to our safe places. 2. They are environmental disaster zones. environmental impacts of homeless encampments in parks and green spaces. Those impacts include erosion, destruction of native vegetation, debris accumulation, water quality issues, habitat destruction, public health issues (including hypodermic needles and possibly E. coli fecal coliform bacterial contamination of the creek and its tributaries), and discouragement of public use of parks and green spaces. Both Seattle Wash and San Jose Ca have seen how homeless camps DESTROY the watershed and create toxic EPA clean up sites. These people need help- drug , mental health. Giving them more green spaces that are ours will not fix the problem.

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