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

I am writing in opposition of this S2HC proposal. I have little confidence in the City Council's ability to implement this in a positive way that will equitably share these sites across the city. I fear the inevitably that - without proper representation here in E Portland - we will bear the brunt of this. What I have seen of this proposal does nothing to address concerns regarding rules / regulations at these sites. I've seen nothing to address what happens to those who will inevitably refuse to relocate themselves to these sanctioned camp locations, nothing to address and get help for those with mental health or addiction issues that we continue to tiptoe around. Will there be mandatory cleanliness guidelines at these sites, or will we be further subjected to trash, human waste, and spent needles scattered about? My elderly neighbor doesn't feel comfortable walking to the bus stop because of the trash and other camper detritus covering her route to the sidewalk at our neighborhood park. You took 6 billion in tax dollars, and this is the best solution you could come up with? Use free land? I sincerely feel like this idea needs to go back to the drawing board. If this passes, consider me opposed to any further initiatives this council proposes. I will donate to your opponents and I will help campaign against you.

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