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

Herein is my testimony to the Portland City Council, regarding the Shelter to Housing Continuum Project: I URGE you to consider carefully, the safety of the citizens of Portland. The safety concerns are valid and I would encourage you not to take this matter lightly. I, and my family, have been residents of Portland for over four decades. We, along with the other wonderful people living, working, and playing in this city, deserve to feel safe, whether it be in a public park, walking on a sidewalk, or simply going about our daily routines. Let it be on the record that the tax paying citizens of this city deserve to have a reasonable amount of safety as afforded to us as residents of same. Your proposal would have a direct impact on the live ability of Portland, I ask you to consider whether losing more taxpayers is worth it to you, as the citizens are the ones that voted you in, and we deserve to be represented as such. A recent influx of people living on streets, in parks, et al, is not just due to the pandemic, many people have come here to live on the street of Portland because of this city's reputation for leniency with regards to camping in public places. The aforementioned proposal would put out a larger welcome mat, and thereby render our City much less safe. Please don't do this to Portland. Sincerely, Suzanne Gillette.

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