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

I oppose the opening of parks for camping. I have resided in Portland for over 40 years. Portland Parks are a treasure and a pleasure . Our son has worked for Portland Parks. Keeping the parks clean is a huge job. Allowing camping will make that job even harder. Parents bring their little children to the parks to allow them a little freedom of movement, especially around The swings and play equipment, the baseball diamonds and open fields. If campers are allowed to use the spaces, these open spaces will not be as accessible for young children. They may be much less aesthetic. They could become camping grounds rather than nature parks. Having natural parks in the city of Portland has long been a point of pride which has distinguished Portland worldwide as a healthy and beautiful urban area. Please find another area for camping which does not include Portland Parks.

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