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

Hi! Thank you so much for doing this work to address the pressing housing crisis in our community - we need to find ways to get people into stable and affordable medium and long term housing outside of the shelter framework and I really appreciate your work doing this. I am trying to do my small part to help with the Portland housing crisis as a property owner in SW Portland, by possibly letting close friends locate a tiny home on my .4 acre lot. The one thing that I have concern about in these proposals is the possible requirement that tiny homes be hooked up to city sewage. I am concerned because while I fully understand the desire to make sure human waste is properly addressed/mitigated as a potential issue, the reality is that a well maintained composting-toilet is both a more environmentally friendly and affordable option, and if we are looking for ways to make housing affordable and accessible to all while promoting livability and sustainability, composting toilets should not be taken off the table entirely. I would fully support rules being developed re: practices around composting toilet waste to prevent impacts on neighbors, water resources, etc., but not removing this safe, affordable, and green solution off the table altogether. Please consider looking at composting toilet rules via a "time, place, and manner" lens vs. taking the option off the table entirely. Thank you for your consideration!

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