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

I fully support the Shelter to Housing Project. I did sign up to testify at the city council public hearing but must bow out early before my time to speak. I support safe shelters. Safe housing is a basic survival need. Portland has the space and the resources to help our fellow humans, how could anyone in good consciousness argue against safety and the right to housing? Talking to my neighbors, I hear them complain mainly about trash, which would be dealt with if campsites and shelters had access to garbage pickup. We should amend these zoning regulations with the Shelter to Housing Project and we should extend the housing state of emergency. People without permanent homes are my neighbors and I care about them and I want them to succeed. Thank you for this project and I am excited to see it move forward.

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