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

I do not support this housing continuum project, key word being “continuum”. As previously stated, the housing situation has been declared an “emergency” for 5 years. That’s five years of neglect by Portland’s mayor and city council. You don’t have to be creative to suggest that the city start by eliminating bureaucratic inefficiency and waste by consolidating homeless issues to ONE department. Here is another creative suggestion, list measurable goals associated with this proposal that will indicate to the community that this “continuum project” is working, solving, or achieving something. As written I don’t see anything measurable about this proposal and therefore it’s not even clear what the purpose of this proposal is other than to allow people to camp even more places than they already can!? No measurable action plan equates to no accountability and a guaranteed waste of millions MORE taxpayer dollars.

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