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

This is extremely important: We need to let Title 15 housing emergency to expire. No random camping can be allowed within Portland. The relaxation of the law due to Covid has created an unsafe, unsightly, unmanageable, unsanitary and inhumane problem throughout SE Portland and beyond, all of which happened because of non-enforcement of no camping regulations. It is utterly unsustainable. We need to establish a new emergency declaration to allow these new shelter codes to be enacted only under the new emergency time frame. No permanent code changes. Balance all shelter spaces throughout ALL of Portland's neighborhoods. Even if SE has more potential spaces, they should be removed from the map until a balance of ALL neighborhoods, including the West Hills and all of the West side of Portland is shown. An enforcement plan must be delineated and be expressly coupled to this action so that as new managed shelters are established, random camps are shut down, removed, cleaned up, and then monitored so they can not re-establish. We need to provide detailed descriptions of what the management plan is for each site, and who specifically is responsible for its implementation. Results need to be published before any vote is taken. Unfettered camping anywhere anyone wants to camp is unrealistic. It is devastating to Portland and its residents, visitors and businesses. Thank you for your time.

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