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

Hello, The past few years have made it abundantly clear that our city faces a housing emergency. Housing is too expensive for many if not most Portlanders, and our options for housing all Portlanders are limited. The Shelter to Housing Continuum proposal takes concrete steps to help houseless Portlanders access more stable housing, and open the door to increasing the amount of both shelters and other residential options that are available to our houseless neighbors. I believe this proposal is critical to addressing Portland's housing and houselessness crisis. I am also supportive of the amendments proposed by Portland: Neighbors Welcome to allow for Outdoor Shelters in more places and reduce obstacles to their permitting and construction. I would also second the call to extend the Housing State of Emergency prior to its expiration. It is absolutely critical for the well-being of houseless Portlanders and our city as a whole that we use every tool in the toolbox to address our housing crisis, and I urge you to support the S2HC, with recommended amendments. Thank you, John Ammondson

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