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

While I support helping the houseless through car park and pod/tiny shelter communities, and hope the city invests more in transitional housing, I DO NOT support opening up our public parks to camping. The public parks are a jewel of Portland and one of the few COST FREE options for families. The past year demonstrated that the trash and safety issues that come with encampments in parks make them untenable for families to use - and feel unsafe for others. Please keep our parks encampment free and please support the houseless through other innovative solutions.

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