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

I am strongly against these code changes. I urge the city council to consider how they are incentivizing these troubled folks to continue hurting themselves with a life of addiction on our streets. This is an addiction crisis, not a “housing crisis.” When people commit crimes you must enforce them through the D.A. Send criminals to jail so they have a chance to sober up and turn their life around. If you don’t you are only prolonging their suffering and the rest of us are stuck with the consequences of seeing our city become riddled with crime and unprovoked violence and misery. Have courage to take bold action that will disincentivize these addicts from staying in Portland and from even coming here in the first place. While the professional activists may be loud, the silent majority of Portlanders are disgusted and fed up. We are behind you if you get the homeless out of our city and enforce the law so they can sober up. These people are dying. They don’t need blankets and socks. They need to get off drugs. Please know that most Portlanders see your new plan as a way to make this problem permanent because your “solutions” up until this point have only made matters worse. You have an opportunity to be the people who saved Portland. Don’t go down in history as the people who made Portland a permanent sanctuary for public suicide through drugs.

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