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

My comments concern camping in parks and golf courses. I've lived with homeless camps at the end of my street for years now and campers by local parks. Besides dealing with theft of mail and packages, trying to access our cars and home, the main thing to consider is the health aspect. We have find human feces in surrounding blocks, not to mention in the immediate area of the camps along with used needles. The amount of garbage attracting rats is a huge issue as well. We quit taking our grandson to nearby parks because of these health issues. Unless the parks are swept daily for needles and the waste cleaned properly it is difficult for others to safely enjoy the green areas.

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