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

I am deeply troubled by this proposal and the possibility that our public parks and open spaces continue to be used in lieu of appropriate shelter options for the unhoused. What I see when I walk through my neighborhood and drive through this city is a true public health crisis. How heartbreaking that we let camps line our streets and our children's playgrounds. As a mental health professional with extensive experience working with and great compassion for unhoused individuals, I am well aware that there are better solutions available.

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