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

I am the father of two young children who frequent public parks often, though we have been doing so less and less because of the many livability issues now present in Portland's public parks. Public parks should be for everyone. Allowing homeless camps in public parks means that section of the park is no longer for everyone. It is absolutely false to claim that allowing camps in parks will not make the park unavailable for others. There are a multitude of examples to the contrary. I do not agree with a proposal like this that will modestly help only a few and further harm many others, especially when there are many alternatives. Camping in public parks should absolutely not be allowed.

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