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

I disagree with the proposal to offer public spaces for homeless shelters. I moved to Portland just three years ago and became a homeowner and active community member. It saddens and frustrates me that the homeless are put before the tax paying citizens. I'm just the few years I've been here I've seen this problem grow large, following increases crime. Frankly, I'm disappointed that the magic of living in Portland has slipped away as quick as it did. All the sidewalks are covered in trash and tents, not even accessible for disabled persons. Our neighbors have had to deal with people camping right behind her house for years. Constant domestic abuse, drug use, and even syringes thrown on her roof. She cant even go out into her backyard anymore because it's become a biohazard from the homeless. There needs to be an actual solution to this homeless crisis besides offering temporary shelters. It's a waste of taxpayer money constantly implementing bandaid solutions instead of getting to the root of the problem. Community volunteer members literally pick up tons of trash a week when it doesn't have to be their responsibility. There needs to be stricter laws against camping or more effective efforts rehabilitating these people from the streets.

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