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

Catering to the homeless is like feeding the bears. They'll take advantage of your kindness, but give you nothing in return except for the potential to harm you. Your proposed code changes serve to enable, encourage, and empower the homeless to continue their destructive lives without solving the problem that they create. Other States don't have a homeless problem because they, simply, don't allow people to reside in their cities without a home. No shoes, no shirt, no residence... no service! City codes are designed to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the public; and not to attract the unemployed, irresponsible and criminally minded homeless. I was born and raised in Portland, and I love my city, my state and my country; but I absolutely loathe my living conditions. I'm not homeless, but I'm forced to live amongst those who are. City officials have allowed what was once a small discrete population, known as "skid row residents," to expand into a massive assemblage of ingrates who have no respect for our laws, contribute nothing to our society and create havoc among those who pay hard earned dollars to live without such nonsense. A city that was once clean and green has become a garbage dump decorated in graffiti and blue tarps. It's not fair, civil or humane to treat the responsible people of Portland in a manner that nullifies their rights to live in a safe, private and clean environment. Do your duty to help the homeless get a job, an education or a one way ticket to somewhere else instead of a "free lunch," and stop hurting the people who truly care about their city.

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