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

You have got to be kidding me!!! Why are us tax payers continuing to support those who have no desire to be in a shelter, do not clean up their areas, and seem to have more rights than we tax payers do. And, how did Sam Adams worm his way back onto the Portland city leaders. That is where the problem started in the first place. Then it was worthless Hales and now worthless wussy Wheeler. We can expect more and more homeless to move to Portland because we allow, accommodate, and continue to enable with nothing in return. The homeless do not even contribute to the community by cleaning up after themselves. Our laws are not enforced particularly litter and illegal dumping laws. And, we taxpayers have to see it every day. Why can't you city leaders (the use of "leaders" is questionable) purchase a large piece of property, fence it in, and provide dumpsters and porta potties so that those who choose to live that way can be out of our sight. It is just plain disgusting to see the trash and garbage that has accumulated all over our city. And, now you are going to allow use of our park restrooms 24/7 and destroy what beauty is left in our city and county parks to be overrun by individuals that have zero respect for their surroundings??? What makes you think what you are doing is an improvement to the welfare of our city??!? There is no place to walk or bike ride anymore that feels safe as sidewalks, forests, side streets, and grassy areas have been overrun by homeless camps, ugly broken down RVs, burned out vehicles, tarps, and garbage, garbage, and more garbage. Portland City leaders are doing an enormous disservice to us taxpayers that continue to provide for those who just want to be taken care of. Shame, shame, and more shame on all of you. I am a lifelong (76 years young) Portland resident growing up in East County and still live here. I have observed more and more decline of my beloved city and what seems to be an increase in pushing all that is undesirable to my part of the county. How about physically walking out to what we East County residents are dealing with and seeing for yourself how disgusting and dirty our part of the world has become, not to mention the destruction of downtown? Matter of fact, why not have a walking tour by all of City Council to observe the filth. Whatever happened to Wheeler wanting Portland to become the most beautiful city in the country??? I can't tell you any more than what I already have how much I protest to what you are proposing and how much worse the situation will become. You cannot do this!!

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