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

Homelessness is a community problem and we need to find long-term solutions. But it is foolish to destroy our natural spaces as a quick and easy "solution" to a systemic problem. Portland must do much better than this. While the package contains some sound ideas, we stand with former councilwoman Fritz's comments and are strongly opposed to allowing any camping and sheltering in designated open spaces because of health and safety concerns as well as protection of our natural wildlife and habitats. Please remove the temporary shelter option from the final rule. Thank you.

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