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

I am extremely alarmed by the City's proposal to change the zoning code to allow homeless people to erect shelters in open spaces, including parks, wetlands and trails. I have lived in Portland since 2002 and have been proud to call this city my home up until the last few years. My once beautiful, safe city has become unrecognizable with homeless camps, graffiti, litter, protests, violence and theft. The parks, trails, and wetlands are some of the very few public spaces in this city that taxpayers like myself are still able to enjoy, and when I voted for the \$45 million ANNUAL tax levy in November to maintain our parks, this is not what I had in mind. If you don't want to see a mass exodus of taxpayers like myself from Portland, then I implore you to reject this proposal to change the zoning code.

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