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

Regarding homeless camps in public areas, I believe that this is a terrible idea! What has happened to reason in this city, and what are our "leaders" thinking? We cannot allow our city to become like those in the Third World. The answer is more affordable housing, shelters, and mental health/addiction services for the homeless. On my most recent visit downtown I was shocked at how the tents, trash, general filth, etc., are taking over our streets. These people need help and services, not more squalor. We need actual leadership in Portland to come up with viable solutions, not patchwork ideas that are simply naïve. Unfortunately, I know people who are leaving Portland because they are fed up with the situation here. Is this the future we want for our city?

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