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

I AM A LONG TERM PORTLAND RESIDENT. BORN IN OREGON. WHAT I HAVE SEEN IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS SICKENS ME, SADDENS ME. OUR BEAUTIFUL CITY IS BEING TURNED INTO A LANDFILL. FILTH, AND GARBAGE FILL OUR STREETS. I HAVE WITNESSED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS PEOPLE USING I.V. DRUGS OUT IN THE OPEN IN FRONT OF GOD AND EVERYONE WITH NO REGARD TO THEMSELVES AND OTHERS. I HAVE SEEN TEENAGERS WITH ARMS COVERED IN TRACKS UNABLE TO STOP THEIR BODILY TREMORS. WHEN I HAVE GONE DOWNTOWN FOR BUSINESS I HAVE BEEN CURSED AT, SPAT AT, THREATENED. IF YOUR HEARTS ARE SET ON GIVING THESE ACTIVE ADDICTS AND CRIMINALS A PERMANENT HOME. DON'T DO IT IN OUR PARKS!! IF YOU LIKE THEM SO MUCH, BRING THEM HOME WITH YOU. I AM DONE WATCHING THESE BUMS OVERTAKE OUR CITY. GIVE THEM OUR PARKS SO THEY CAN BE MOVED FROM DOWNTOWN BEFORE THE TOURIST SEASON? NOT A CHANCE. NO ONE IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD COME TO VISIT THIS CITY OR STAND FOR THIS.

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