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

I oppose the lifting or loosening of restrictions on camping and homeless shelters. I have seen the result of homeless camps in public parks and it's bad news for those who live nearby. Parks are meant for families and children and homeless camps take that away because of needles, garbage and human waste. The parks are paid for with our taxes, and those who are houseless take over the space completely. In addition, East Portland takes the brunt end of homeless camps already. Gateway is a typical example. I deserve the right to take my grandkids to the park to play. I deserve to go to church without stepping in feces. I don't see much enforcement of laws now the way they are written. City leaders refuse to protect families as it is. I believe this proposal is a lazy attempt to make homeless camps anywhere and everywhere normal. If this happens, trees will die and private property will be unable to be protected. Shelters have been successful and is the norm. Enforce the laws that are left to protect those of us who pay taxes!

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