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

I oppose the use of city parks for transitional housing. Allowing camps in the parks will lead to their degradation, as we've seen in byways and other green spaces where they have been allowed. Instead, create housing with toilets, hot water and services in areas where property values are lower than in the city center where costs of establishing safe and clean living spaces would be lower. Delaying long term solutions to an ever-worsening problem here compromises lives as well as a healthy prosperous future for The city and state.

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