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

Mayor Ted Wheeler and City Council Members: RE: S2HC Code Change: I was born in Portland, OR & have lived here since 1970 as an adult. I do Not appreciate what is already happening with the Homeless tents, RVs and Campers that are living within residential neighborhoods in NE Portland. This is not acceptable behavior for a Wonderful city such as Portland, OR. However, changing the City Zoning code in order to move these Homeless Camps out of sight from tourists and others, impact our Livability which is the "sum of the factors that add up to a community's quality of life—including the built and natural environments, economic prosperity, social stability and equity, educational opportunity, and cultural, entertainment and recreation possibilities." Living in NE Portland, we have seen a rise in burglaries, robberies, shootings near Homeless Camps; we continue to have gun violence, and shootings in Argay Park, even a pipe bomb was thrown under an RV across from Argay Park. We need to STOP the spread of disease from the Garbage and Unsanitary conditions related to these tent camps! You must Not approve S2HC code changes in East Portland. You will loose more residents and families who pay property taxes that help support Portland, OR, due to those of us who will move out of Portland, OR. It is already Not safe for women and children, we cannot even walk on our sidewalks due to the tent camp situation. Please find a better solution!

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