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

To whom it may concern, I would like to voice my concerns about allowing the use of Portland International Raceway as a homeless camp. PIR is a venue that hosts many events including both amateur and professional auto, motorcycle, bicycle, and running races. Clubs host track days (both in cars and on motorcycles), and other groups host driver education courses (such as Tire Rack Teen Street Survival and ProDrive) that help our area drivers to learn better skills that make our streets safer for everyone. The PIR Swap Meet (during non-pandemic years) is a huge draw of people and money to the facility and the city of Portland as a whole. I fear that if PIR is turned into a homeless camp, it will negatively impact this precious resource. Participants in these track day events will not feel safe with random people wandering through the grounds. Parents will not want to bring their teens to participate in skills courses because of a reduced feeling of safety and security. The facilities themselves will be damaged and vandalized. (Just look at the state of the grounds on either side of I-5 between Portland and Vancouver, this is what will happen to PIR.) Professional groups (such as the Portland Grand Prix) will not want to host their events here if the facilities fall into a state of disrepair. And please don't forget that PIR also hosts a wetland and wildlife sanctuary that will also be negatively impacted! I beg of you, please do not turn PIR into a homeless camp. It is a unique and precious resource that many people from all over the Pacific NW use, and losing it would have a huge and negative impact to the racing community and to the Portland Metro Area as a whole. Thank you for your time.

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