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

Dear Mayor Wheeler and City Commissioners, I fully support efforts to find effective methods to assist the homeless community and improve the livability of our city for all Portlanders. But I want to share my strong concerns that Portland International Raceway and other city parks NOT be included, in any way, in the zoning changing currently under consideration. Please find a path forward to improving the situation WITHOUT putting our racetrack and city parks at risk. If you do this I predict the end of racing, track days, and driving instruction at our track and all your attendant economic benefits will be lost. I travel several times a year from Washington to Oregon to enjoy motorsports at Oregon tracks, and I will cease doing so if my enjoyment of the sport is compromised by the personal and property security risks of a homeless camp being part of the paddock. Loren DeShon Gig Harbor, WA

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