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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. Especially Portland International Raceway should be spared because it would be a negative financial impact to the city and many businesses in the area from hotels and restaurants to gas stations and stores. It is also the source of my income where I have worked for 23 years. The business I work for which is based at the track will cease to exist if this goes through. There has to be a better way than ruining the city parks that so many Portlanders enjoy. I beg you to find another solution.

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