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

The continued lack of initiative and problem solving around the homelessness issue in pdx is astounding! We need solid, educated and informed leadership to develop and implement a concrete plan - a multi pronged approach that prioritizes ADDICTION RECOVERY, MENTAL ILLNESS, and transitional resources to get people OFF the streets and into meaningful roles within society. Mixed in with many people in tough economic situations - are many aimless, addicted, violent, mentally and emotionally dysfunctional individuals who are destroying the FABRIC of who portland is! We are a community of creative thinkers and doers who are DISGUSTED by the endless trash and biohazards and environmental disasters happening in reckless “camping” scenarios all over our streets, parks and public ways! It’s truly unbelievable - and IF you WELCOME additional camping - when there is currently NO ACCOUNTABILITY for people to RESPONSIBLY camp and be clean and have facilities for toxic waste disposal - the city is going to FURTHER turn into a burning dumpster! It’s driving everyone OUT of portland! WHO wants to live among TRASH! Portland CARES - we all voted to provide the city with tax funds to TACKLE the core issues! But there has been NO leadership! I’m disgusted - and a former social worker/community organizer! We are lost! Gun violence is an all time high! Our beautiful city is a pig sty! People outside of Portland can’t believe it and think of it poorly now! No one wants to visit...I can go on and on! Please DO SOMETHING - but the LAST thing you should do is encourage MORE CAMPING AND TRASH AND DISGUSTING TOXIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS in our parks! In COVID TIMES - families, children, EVERYONE needs the solace and healing of SAFE, CLEAN parks! I IMPLORE YOU - this is the worst idea EVERRRRRRRRE

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