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

I am writing to you today, as I am a supporter of Portland International Raceway advocating strongly for an important change in the language of Shelter to Housing Continuum recommendations from the Planning and Sustainability Commission. Portland International Raceway is my home away from home, as I annually spend several weekends there to support local auto racing clubs and series. With that support, brings my dollars – as I frequent local cafes and restaurants, as well grocers within the immediate area of the track... and I am not the only one. With various events from bicycle racing to auto racing to a wide variety of runs, walks and obstacle events – Portland International Raceway is a revenue generator for the City of Portland. Additionally, with IndyCar coming to the city, Portland will be on the national and international stage with millions of dollars being spent within the surrounding communities by the visiting teams and fans/spectators. Revenue that is very much needed! While I fully support efforts to find effective methods to assist the homeless community and improve the livability of our city for all Portlanders, I want to share my strong concern that Portland International Raceway and other city parks NOT be included, in any way, in the zoning changes currently under consideration. Please find a path forward to improving the situation WITHOUT putting our racetrack and city parks at risk. Please keep Portland International Raceway out of the Shelter to Housing Continuum Program. There are solutions out there – Portland International Raceway is not one of those solutions. Thank you.

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