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

I urge each of the commissioners to watch the video Seattle is Dying before voting in favor of this proposal. Portland and Oregon have already surrendered most of the tools Rhode Island used to greatly improve the plight of the homeless. Laws against street drugs have been eliminated or reduced. Trespassing, stealing, public defecating and urinating have been ignored. Now sanctioning public camping in our city parks and open spaces will worsen the problem even more. It will invite the homeless from many other places to come to Portland, increase the numbers of people who need help from our community, and further decrease the quality of life in what was once our beautiful city. I have several friends who are fleeing Portland and I too am seriously considering selling my home before property values start to tank. Please vote no!

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