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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 all Portlanders. But I want to share my strong concerns that Portland International Raceway 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 at risk. I race at PIR several Times a year spending a great deal of money to attend its events, traveling from Spokane. I used to stay at the motels near the track for years but due to safety concerns with PIR's surrounding area (After my Wife found herself standing on an hypodermic needle in a parking lot) I purchased a camper for my truck. We now pay extra to stay inside the track area during events. I'm a retired Blue collar worker who has over my lifetime invested a large amount of money on all my racing equipment to go and do the thing I have a passion for, And am very concerned about its security. Portland International Raceway is a Gem, With its wetlands and birds to its foliage and grasses to its spectacular racetrack it would be a shame to have it destroyed.

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