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

I have been going to Portland International Raceway since I was 2 yo. This has been my second home for the last 40 years. I have worked for the track itself for 13 years as the NHRA announcer. I have instructed with 9 clubs, and have participated with more than a dozen clubs here at the track. This track is a way of life for many of use who utilize it week in and week out. This track has been a safe haven for me when the world around me was going sideways. Right now with all thats going on in the world, it has still been a place where I can go and compete, and put everything else out of my mind. By opening up PIR to the homeless population, not only will you be destroying a beautiful public park, you will be destroying the only mental health break for many here in the city. From Drag racers, to Road Racers, to Autocrossers, to Moto Crossers, you WILL have a huge effect on many who need this outlet more than ever right now. PLEASE consider the mental health of the people of Portland when making this decision. Those of us who pay the taxes to keep this beautiful park open and functioning. By making this decision, it could ruin PIR for good.

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