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Greetings. I recently read that a new proposal would allow any 'open space' in Portland to be accessible to those experiencing homelessness to put their dwellings, including Portland International Raceway. I understand that PIR is a city park and city-owned, but as a frequent user of PIR I am concerned about the implications of having people living on the property. It would be unsafe for these individuals and to the participants in racing events (cars, motorcycles, go carts, bicycles) with the risk that someone could wander onto the course where vehicles are traveling at speed. I am a physician who has taken care of indigent patients for over 25 years. I would love to have other ways to help solve the housing crisis and help the houseless population, but I do feel very strongly that PIR should not become a place where people can camp on an ongoing basis. I will keep it brief. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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