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Thank for the opportunity to voice an opinion on this subject. My Portland business has been heavily affected by the ever increasing number of homeless individuals residing near our facility. This is unfortunate, and I am aware that options to help these individuals are limited and most have repercussions which some party is likely to disagree with. That said, I disagree with the language that could allow the use of any open space as a relocation for these people. Especially the possible use of Portland International Raceway. This facility should be protected and maintained in a way that serves the public, and provides the economic stimulus that many businesses in the area rely on. Further more, many of the outdoor activities that Portlanders enjoy have been impacted by this surge of people. Many of the walking trails and parks in my area are no longer used because of vehicles blocking the roadway etc. PIR provides more than just a facility for motor vehicle racing, such as bicycling and even the dog park near the entry. In conclusion, as a resident and business manager with first hand experience with the problem this does not provide a logical solution. It will only displace the impact of this problem to even further reaching sections of our city. Please consider this testimony. Thank you, Zachary

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