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

I am strongly opposed to the use of Portland Parks and Open Spaces as any part of the solution for the homelessness crisis facing Portland. Currently the parks and open spaces that took a great deal of time, energy, and money to set up are a disgrace. They are littered with garbage, falling down tents, piles of discarded furniture, stolen shopping carts and bicycles, etc. Any language that allows for the use of parks and open spaces for sheltering homeless individuals will be bent and pushed until the parks and open spaces are no longer useable for the rest of the city. The parks and open spaces belong to the entire city. They are quickly becoming unusable. There are other places where sheltering the homeless makes more sense than the city parks and open spaces. Sincerely Andrew Funk

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