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

I do not support extending the housing emergency or allowing shelters to be put up in any pdx neighborhood. The city has been allocated multimillion dollar measures with no significant results over the past 5 years of this “emergency”. I am deeply disappointed by the lack of action and accountability of Portland’s city governance. As a member of this community I expect professionalism and respect but above all I expect leadership that has measurable results. Allowing homeless to camp and have fires wherever they please in public spaces is not acceptable and further allowing this is no leadership at all. I can no longer safely use the public sidewalks in my neighborhood. They are taken over by homeless tents, garbage, sewage, abandoned automobiles and RVs. There are enormous rats running in the streets. There are drug needles and human excrement in my yard. There are strangers masturbating on the corner of my street. There has been a significant increase in strangers wandering into my property, doing drugs, stealing, sleeping on my porch! I have had multiple thefts on my property including the theft of my car. If I have learned anything over the past year it is that the bureaucracy of The city of Portland may be among the most dysfunctional, incompetent and corrupt of the entire county! I am embarrassed to live here and saddened that this is my city and my home. Enough is enough, none of this is acceptable.

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