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

I think that Portland should follow New York City's model, which has shelters in every neighborhood and does not allow street camping. You should not be able to camp on the city streets and parks at all. Shelters provide sanitation and beds and house the homeless. A city street and parks are for everyone, homeless and otherwise, to enjoy. Right now much of Portland's city streets are only enjoyed by homeless campers at the expense of everyone else's enjoyment. The most humane and fair thing to do is to get these folks off of the streets, and to ban street camping and camping in city parks.

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