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

Hello Mayor and Commissioners, I support both of the amendments proposed by Portland: Neighbors Welcome. I strongly encourage you to allow shelters up to 20 beds without a conditional use in institutional zones. Conditional use permits are a huge cost in both time and money, and faith institutions and other nonprofits should be able to host vulnerable people in the most cost-effective way possible. I also strongly encourage you to be maximally flexible in the rules around RVs and Tiny Houses on Wheels on residential property. Even with loan programs, the tens of thousands of dollars that a sewer connection costs could lead to displacement of vulnerable tiny home or RV dwellers. Codifying the current rules and following a BDS permitting process will provide flexibility and lower barriers to entry for housing insecure people.

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