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Dear Members of the Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to eliminating the Shelter Monitoring Committee.

While the Homelessness Oversight Commission serves an important policy and advisory function, it should not be tasked with hearing individual shelter complaints. That role is uniquely and appropriately fulfilled by the Shelter Monitoring Committee, which provides independent, on-the-ground oversight of shelter conditions and client treatment.

The Shelter Monitoring Committee creates a critical layer of accountability that is separate from both the City and service providers. This independence not only builds trust with shelter residents but also serves to reduce liability for the City by identifying and addressing problems early, before they escalate into legal, health, or safety crises.

Eliminating this committee would significantly weaken transparency, diminish protections for shelter residents, and remove a proven oversight mechanism that has long served San Francisco's most vulnerable populations. Accountability requires independence, and for that reason, the Shelter Monitoring Committee should remain intact.

Thank you for considering my public comment.

Sincerely,

Isaac Langford