

Unhoused people have nowhere else to go except public spaces, like libraries, downtown areas, and parks. They have a right to use these spaces, just as everyone else does. The idea that homeless people should be barred entry to some public spaces is racist, classist and vile.

The Right to Rest Act protects the human acts of resting or sharing food in public, actions that are life sustaining. We must stop criminalizing unhoused people for existing, we must do the humane and just thing to remove social and legal barriers we have enacted that harm the most vulnerable among us. It's my understanding that the bill makes it legal for people to move freely, rest, sleep, protect themselves from the elements, eat and share food, and other basic acts necessary for human survival, and looking at it from that perspective, there is really no option other than supporting this bill.