

All citizens have a right to feel safe and to enjoy our public spaces. Current laws help to make sure that those spaces don't become co-opted by a small subset that this bill sets up as simply tired citizens needing a place to sleep for a couple of minutes.

The fact is that our public spaces for enjoying the outdoors are being taken over by "sleeping" individuals who have no compassion or care for anyone else. Just because a person is homeless, by choice or circumstance, should not give them the right to ignore common decency and regard for others.

I know the popular sentiment is that any discussion about homeless has to recognize them as downtrodden and oppressed and, in fact, since may be. But the disregard for others that I see exhibited in trash and human waste would suggest that a large majority of this group of people feel like all public space is theirs to use, abuse and misuse as they see fit and that it's the rest of the world's responsibility to follow along behind cleaning up after them and catering to them all along the way.

The current laws regarding "resting" as characterized in this bill are meant to allow enforcement of standards that protect and preserve our public spaces for all residents, not just a focused few that feel they have a right to co-opt them as their own personal spaces to be used and trashed until even they have to move on to the next piece of usable public space to repeat the process all over again.

NO on HB 2367!!!