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I OPPOSE SB 1076.

Hospitals exist to provide medical treatment to patients, NOT to be dumping grounds or holding facilities for the homeless. A dear friend who has heart issues recently had to wait in the ER waiting room for 5 hours to be seen in the midst of an a-fib attack - meanwhile, homeless who were camped out in the waiting room were catered to first. When they called the name for one of the "campers" to come back to be seen, he asked the nurse to get back to him in 10 minutes so he could continue to sleep - his request was accommodated while a roomful of very ill patients waited to be seen.

SB 1076 would institutionalize this scenario, tax an overly-strained health care system, and destroy emergency medical services altogether. This bill is a poor solution to a problem created by poor governmental policies.