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I agree that homelessness is at a pandemic rate. However, to allow people to camp "anywhere", ie: a park, a parking lot, a hiking trail, just off the side of the road is absolutely not acceptable! The majority of homeless people are drug/alcohol addicted. I believe even more has a significant amount of mental illness, maybe in part due to substance abuse or significant trauma.

The ability for people to camp anywhere is detrimental to others using said parks, parking lots, etc

What agency will then patrol these "campgrounds" for needles, drug use and the overall safety of family and especially young children??

This is an awful idea! Please do not pass this bill!

I think the homeless could be better served with the return of institutions able to cope with the addiction and mental state of the majority of these souls.