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I strongly oppose this bill. I used to live in a small California community and watched the homeless problem compound every time they approved more money and services for them without any conditions. When they received 500 per month we had 300 homeless, they upped it to 750 per month and we suddenly had 500 homeless. Then it still wasn't enough so they upped it to 950 per month and we ended up with 1000 homeless. It's a snowball effect. As the homeless population increase people as we did left which meant that fewer and fewer people who worked and paid taxes had to foot the bill so naturally taxes had to be raised. We stuck it out way to long but learned a valuable lesson that sticking it out and hoping that a more common sense approach would prevail which it never did. So our once beautiful little community turned into a festering pot of crime, drugs and poverty because no one. Understandably Wanted to live or start a business there. It currently looks like a third world national there which was totally avoidable. The mentally ill people need to be taken off the streets and be cared for! To leave them out there is not compassionate to them or anyone else living in close proximity. The rest of them need to get services to get clean and training to reenter the workforce, no choice. Either accept help or leave period. We like many others who live around us have had enough and have already purchased a home out of state so the exodus of tax paying hard working people has started and now it's up to you to either change course or face a quickly diminishing population