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At what point do we move from making it easier and easier for people experiencing homelessness to move beyond that state? This bill is not a solution, it's not even a bandaid.

We're at a point in history where the addictions many of these people experiencing homelessness are insurmountable to get out of alone, all this bill does is make it easier to stay addicted without intervention. On paper it seems like this is compassionate but it's not. This bill does makes homeless advocates feel like they're doing right by the homeless, but it's really the opposite of that.

The most compassionate thing we can do would be getting homeless clean and off the streets if they so desire. If they don't desire that then we shouldn't be making it easier for them to remain homeless. Ultimately the impact falls on taxpayers and residents who aren't homeless.

We need solutions that include interventions, not indiscretion.