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Firefighters in our city have put out over 200 propane fires which have not only been polluting our air but are extremely dangerous. Sanctioned housing and small villages not tents must be in place everywhere in our state with accountability. That means rules, drug testing, rehab, mental illness treatment and recovery, this bill is similar to the counselor who said we are loving our homeless to death. People need access to water, sanitation, health care, and psychiatric, drug rehabilitation for three months and more sober living needs to be in place. It is not discrimination to sweep camps that are filthy, infected with feces, needles and trash. Homeless vehicles have caught on fire and endangered firefighters and residents and neighborhoods and homes. I have rights as a tax paying citizen paying \$6,000 per year in taxes to the county. I as a senior citizen have a right to be safe, to not have to be traumatized by viewing all the homeless tents camps and trash and children have the right to not grow up seeing that. We are spending a fortune to clean up the toxic waste and mess of these camps. Jimmy Jones may call himself an advocate of the homeless but I am an advocate too, demanding that my state immediately develop sanctioned camping for the over 6,000 and more homeless people with small homes that have rules, 24 hour security, access daily to social workers, drug rehab counselors, showers, food, toilets, running water, and access to jobs and transportation to jobs. As a life long Democrat I am sickened to see the coddling enabling bill even considered.