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On Behalf Of:

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1. Health and sanitation concerns: Allowing homeless individuals to camp anywhere can lead to unsanitary conditions, which can lead to the spread of diseases and health issues.
2. Public safety concerns: Homeless encampments can be a safety hazard, both for the individuals living in them and for the broader community. They can attract criminal activity, including drug use and violent crime.
3. Property damage: Homeless encampments can damage public and private property, causing costly repairs and maintenance.
4. Environmental damage: Homeless encampments can cause environmental damage, including littering, pollution, and destruction of natural habitats.
5. Economic impact: Homeless encampments can have a negative economic impact on businesses and property values in the surrounding area.
6. Fire hazards: Homeless encampments can pose a serious fire hazard, both for the individuals living in them and for nearby buildings and structures.
7. Lack of access to basic services: Allowing homeless individuals to camp anywhere can make it difficult for them to access basic services such as healthcare, social services, and education.
8. Lack of accountability: Homeless encampments can be difficult to regulate and manage, which can lead to a lack of accountability and oversight.
9. Stigma and discrimination: Allowing homeless individuals to camp anywhere can reinforce negative stereotypes and stigmatize individuals experiencing homelessness, which can make it more difficult for them to find employment and housing.
10. Inadequate long-term solutions: Allowing homeless individuals to camp anywhere does not address the root causes of homelessness and can perpetuate the cycle of poverty and homelessness. Long-term solutions that provide stable housing and support services are needed to effectively address the issue.