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I believe that all rights come with responsibilities. While I do not oppose the rights outlined in this bill, I want to see laws that also address the responsibilities of the homeless to keep the public space clean and free from visible piles of trash and property damage (e.g., no graffiti). I recognize that doing so is difficult and resources should be available to help them out with this, such as access to trash receptacles that are regularly picked up, toilet facilities or other ways to dispose of human waste, and access to a high level of mental health and substance abuse treatment. (I don't believe that an "adequate" level of treatment is sufficient because what gov't agencies consider "adequate" is not enough.) We need to work together to help the homeless AND the community. Thank you for considering my thoughts.