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On Behalf Of:

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I oppose this bill not because I lack compassion for the homeless, because I want better for them. I do not think this avenue addresses real issues such as lack of affordable housing, better access to mental health care, and addressing the very dire situation of drug addiction. These are the core of homelessness. By making it legal to camp out in any public place will ultimately compound the problems in our state. We will have camps in public parks, on the beaches, in front of places where people try to do business. Places where people would normally take their families to will no longer be safe. The environmental impact will be enormous. I do not think any impact studies have been done. A bill like this someone needs to have a clear understanding of what the future ramifications for the state are.