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On Behalf Of:

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Please understand that allowing people to camp on the streets is enabling people to continue down a rough road. We need to find solutions to help people solve their troubles and homelessness. Not just allow them to live on the streets and continue their destructive and bad habits.

Also, we have been talking about affordable housing for years. This should have been resolved by now. What has happened to that resolution to this problem?

As experienced in Portland, allowing people to camp overnight on the streets has only invited more people to do this and not resolve their issues. Mental health and drug rehabilitation is also what is needed to help these people. We need to get to the root of the problem. We should not allow people to continue their downward spiral. They need solutions not enabling.

Allowing them to camp is inhumane for them and for those of us who live around it. It's dirty, unsightly and most of all unsanitary. And as experienced in Portland, sometimes scary for those of us who worry as we walk by them, that if they are experiencing a mental health crisis they might lash out at us.

Please oppose this bill. As a lifelong resident, I love this state so much. This will hurt the state that I live in.

Thanks for your consideration.

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