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I absolutely oppose this Bill. (HB 3501) This would create very unsafe situations for children who use public spaces like parks, bike riding paths and streets. Please! The piles of trash, bodily waste and drug paraphernalia left behind when the homeless encampments move along is horrifying. I feel afraid to take my grandchildren to any of our city parks. How is that right? Offer mental health assistance and drug rehabilitation services, job training and employment assistance, and termed housing assistance. If that help is not accepted, then the choice is to be homeless. Stop enabling this behavior by allowing there to be no consequences, at the expense of taxpayers.