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Allowing camping in public spaces is not compassion. It is not helping those who need help. It is a "feel good" bill that does not help anyone, yet makes our communities, less safe. It is not helping anyone with their addictions or mental struggles, which is the root cause of most homelessness in our state. Leaving people out in the weather is not helping them. It will increase the problems our communities are facing with crime, drug use, filth, garbage, theft, and fires. Our public spaces are not safe. Our kids cannot go to the parks or use our bike paths. Our downtown businesses are losing business because people are avoiding downtown areas. Our beautiful cities are becoming an eyesore, hurting our tourism. Allowing people who need help to live in filth in public spaces has not one upside. Even worse it takes tools away from our communities to clean up our towns & help people make forward progress. This bill will make a bad situation even worse & more dangerous.