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This bill is ridiculous.

The large homeless encampment near my home contributes to open drug use, drug paraphernalia found in parks where my kids play, human waste, trash, car theft, smashed storefront windows, graffiti, people high on drugs getting in fights/arguments/physical altercations, people trespassing into my private backyard, the list is endless.

There are no positive outcomes from allowing homeless people to camp and do as they please in public spaces. What about the rights of the tax paying residents of the city? What about their rights to safety, peace and the ability to enjoy public spaces? The state has allocated large amounts of tax payer dollars to help solve the homeless issue, it's time to use those financial resources to come up with solutions that don't make life worse for those of us who continue to call this city home despite the endless blundering of elected officials.