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This Bill prioritizes allowing houseless people to use public spaces over everyone else. I am a mother and I cannot assume that it is ever safe for my children to play near a houseless person's tent when I cannot see who is inside of the tent. This Bill would make it so there would be more tents in the areas we would normally go.

Please keep our public areas available to everyone and not prioritize public spaces for houseless people. I can guarantee if tents move into a public space, everyone else will have to stay away due to safety concerns. In effect, the only people that would be able to use public spaces would be the people in the tents. Can you guarantee if a tent is on a public space that the people inside are just good law abiding citizens down on their luck and not drugged out, having uncontrolled mental episodes or pedophiles? Would you let your kids play around a tent in which you did not know who was inside? Please do not pass this Bill. It does not help the houseless in a meaningful way and it puts the public in jeopardy.