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My wife and I are opposed to HB3501 allowing anyone to occupy lands on public property that will affect my lifestyle or property values in a negative way, as a tax paying citizen. We have nuisance laws to protect our interests and this would only negate those laws. The Supreme Court has long held that there is no reasonable expectation of privacy in "what a person knowingly exposes to the public".

We have businesses closing shops because of illegal camping. What would the benefit be in a community that loses businesses?

Homeowners now feel trapped in their own homes by individuals living in front of their residences. This law would also encourage others to move here, especially with the thoughts of compensation for harassment. Sanitation is another problem along with discarded drug paraphernalia which is a current problem at existing campsites.