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This bill will overly burden our cities and counties who are already struggling. The proposed language is vague and will create many more problems than it might solve. It is also not needed.

There is no need for these special protections from criminal prosecution as law enforcement and district attorneys are already exercising discretion in not arresting and prosecuting illegal campers.

The ambiguities in the bill are an invitation to ongoing lawsuits.

Illegal campers should be continuously removed especially from the core to improve the downtown area.

Please enforce the ordinance for no camping in the city. Camping is a problem and needs to be addressed. This bill is not helpful. There is serious gun violence, homicides, gang activity, mental health, addiction and trafficking issues to focus on. ADA access to free and clear sidewalks and pathways should be another focus.

We need more of a crack down and not legislation to additionally create barriers for our cities and counties to correct this unlawful behavior and consistent lawlessness.

You may not live downtown and see these circumstances daily but I do. Consistent reporting and campsite removal is not enough. We need signage that will be on every street that states the ordinance. No camping in the city. This would help. Maybe a measure to add these signs so it'll be easier to remove lawlessness and people who completely disregard the law! ADA access is completely disregarded downtown. It's very blatant that we don't value the citizens who are the most vulnerable. The disabled.