

Please decriminalize homelessness. Let us as a state shift from punishing our poorest neighbors to compassionately supporting them. For the past year I have been providing food and essential supplies to people living in camps. It is so important that we listen to their life stories while looking them in the eyes. The suffering and misery caused by our disapproval and disgust of people living in tents has caused significant ongoing harm and trauma, exacerbating hardships. While only a short term goal, tolerating, authorizing and supporting camps will lower crime, increase camp order and cleanliness, and provide more secure living situations for people to start pulling their lives together. Please support HB2367. Then develop housing alternatives. Eliminate homelessness in 10 years.