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Homelessness is the measuring stick as to how much a government has failed to address the needs of the people it is supposed to represent and serve. This measure will only exacerbate the current problem, not alleviate it, because apathy can never be mistaken for compassion. If throwing money at the problem was the solution, it would have been solved already, instead it's been made worse. Instead of enabling these people to continue to wreak havoc on public property and the environment, how about making a public mental health facility like they used to have before government cuts to take in the mentally unsound, rehab facilities to take in the addicted, and supporting the organizations aimed at transitioning the people who want to have permanent shelter instead? The only truly compassionate way to address homelessness is to end it. Humans are not animals and should not be allowed and encouraged to live like animals, which is what this bill truly aims to do.