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#### House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

At SOME point you have to start considering the safety of people who live in the neighborhoods. Having children have to walk by tent/homeless groups that have trash and needles everywhere is not an acceptable thing. You are making it a CRIME for people who own homes to live in them safely and peacefully. You are suggesting that people who are homeless have more rights than people who have homes.

Yes, there needs to be action taken. But making homeowners NOT ONLY^ PAY HIGHER TAXES but now have to allow anyone to tent on their property at any time is RIDICULOUS! You need to find a better solution.

Trying to make the bill sound “user friendly” using words like ‘right to rest” – could easily be replaced by words like “too bad homeowner”. Maybe if the homeless camps are put in front of the homes of the members of the house committee, then we can see if HB 3501 has legs.

Find another solution!

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