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While I understand that some individuals living in the streets are people who have been experienced hardship that has put them in the unfortunate situation of homelessness, I also know that many of the people who are currently living on public property are there due to their lack of ability to use already existing support systems in order to help themselves and find ways out of their situation, whether that is due to drug abuse or a lack of motivation. While I wish I could support this bill, the reality is that it would only encourage those who destroy our city with garbage and litter to continue doing so, and those who are trying to better their situation would not benefit from it substantially enough to excuse the slow destruction of our public areas. The homeless crisis and drug addiction in this state is slowly going to become worse and worse if we continue to support behavior that promotes such things, and it's going to become a health and safety hazard eventually. I think being able to support those trying to fix their situation is important, but the systems and organizations that provide these services need more help, funding, and hands, not an encouragement of property destruction with no real services provided.