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Truth is, homelessness affects us all – whether we experience it or not. It's a complex social problem that affects our communities in more ways than one. And it concerns you, whether you like it or not. Our parks and streets are already overrun. This would further exacerbate the problem of garbage, urinating/defecating in public, public health, mentally ill persons running amok, crime against peoples personal property, drugs, panhandling.

Homelessness is costing the government millions of dollars of our tax money. It is estimated that the government spends about \$40,000 per homeless person per year. These expenses usually refer to shelters, emergency rooms, and jails.