

To whom it concerns,

I am opposed to the Rest Act 100%. It is not in the best interest of all of us as members of our communities to be put in a place where we feel unsafe and without the ability to do anything about the situation if we find ourselves with someone who has chosen to take up a space perhaps in front our homes where are babies want to go outside to play without fear or to see someone peeing right on our neighborhood sidewalk which is unsafe and unhealthy for our kids and for us as well. I live in an area where I was evacuated twice last summer because of fires started by those who declare to be homeless and living on the bike paths. I am sorry but to be evacuated at all due to this has gone too far!

For a business owner, this is a negative as well because it will cause people to not want to have to go around or through these said "rest" spaces to enter the establishment which leads to loss of business for the establishment as well as less employment opportunities in our towns because the business can't operate if someone chooses to "rest" in front of their location, again without the ability to address them in a manner that is appropriate for both. So without customers the business closes and people lose their jobs. This is far too big of an issue to take lightly. There are plenty of resources and agencies that offer assistance to those in need and that is terrific and needed! However, to allow for these said "rest" spaces we create a far greater problem than what is already before us right now!