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I really feel for those trapped in drug addiction, mental issues or homelessness, which too often all go together. I was for the decriminalization of drugs thinking rehab and treatment programs were a better alternative to jail time, but unfortunately that has failed. I'm in favor of reestablishing stiffer penalties for drug possession or use in public so that there is greater leverage to move people into treatment. It's unconscionable to not create laws with enough teeth to basically mandate treatment because drug use leads to homelessness, and allows for the abuse of women and vulnerable people.