

I support SB 608 The Right to Rest Act



California Right to Rest Act



I support California Senate Bill 608, the Right to Rest Act, which would afford a person experiencing homelessness the right to use public space without discrimination based on their housing status. Criminalizing homelessness not only worsens the condition of people living without homes, but also narrows their opportunities to escape homelessness. I believe that the passage of this legislation will improve the focus on more humane and effective solutions that actually end homelessness. The Right to Rest Act would uphold the (1) Right to move freely, rest, sleep, pray and be protected in public space without discrimination, the (2) Right to rest in public spaces and protect oneself from the elements in a non-obstructive manner, the (3) Right to occupy a legally parked vehicle, and the (4) Right to share food and eat in public. In doing so, SB 608 would encourage the diversion of expenditures on citing and jailing people for resting in public spaces on efforts to prevent and end homelessness.

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