

Hazel Crawley

From: Dennise Barber <dlbarber1@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 12:05 PM
To: Hazel Crawley
Subject: HB 4919

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I am taking the time today to urge you and the rest of our legislators to vote NO on HB4919. This bill is unnecessary and potentially dangerous for our state. Regarding the "rights" of homeless individuals to use public spaces, that right already exists. To pass a bill to add loose, vague and dubious wording is to invite blight to our cities. Have a look at the streets of San Francisco, where people have erected tents on public sidewalks and set up residency. The streets are littered with trash and human waste. Aside from the obvious blight, human waste is a serious health hazard. Businesses in these areas suffer greatly.

Please use a common sense approach in this matter to protect the health and rights of everyday citizens and business owners by voting NO on this unnecessary and dangerous bill.

Sincerely,

Dennise Barber
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Grass Lake, MI 49240

Sent from my iPad

Nicholas Gewirtz

From: Bob Olson <bob@bobsvoice.net>
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 1:44 PM
To: Nicholas Gewirtz
Subject: HB 4919

Good afternoon -

I'm writing in reference to HB 4919.

I realize homelessness is a big concern among our Michigan population, but I'm afraid this bill would be a step backward after the tremendous strides our state has taken to clean our cities (especially Detroit) and make our streets safer and more appealing to outside business and tourism.

States that have adopted this type of bill (which include cities like San Francisco, Portland and New York) are losing their appeal as destinations for travelers and businesses alike.

Yes, I believe the homeless need help in our state. But this would undermine all that has been done to make our state great.

VOTE NO on HB 4919

Thank you
Bob Olson

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From: C Oxley <coleox1950@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 3:18 AM
To: Hazel Crawley
Subject: HB 4919

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Please vote NO on this awful bill. It is just awful that Biden dismisses the southern US border & we have to try & house the illegals. We can't house or feed our poor citizens already. This is a terrible way to have we tax payers having all these illegals running around our streets & parks. Ship them back to their own countries. Please vote NO on House Bill 4919. Have you guys lost your minds? Thank you. CLO A concerned taxpayer & home owner.

Hazel Crawley

From: Maria Berkemeier <miaberkemeier05@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 2:33 PM
To: Hazel Crawley
Subject: HB4919

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I urge the Committee to vote " NO", on bill HB4919. We don't want public parks to look like San Francisco (unsafe - needles, public defecation, etc)

Sincerely,

Maria Berkemeier

Hazel Crawley

From: Corey Kennedy <CKennedy@mijackson.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 2:16 PM
To: Hazel Crawley
Cc: Commissioners; Mike Overton; Debra Kubitskey; Howard Linnabary; clerk@leonitownship.com; treasurer@leonitownship.com; jcox@leonitownship.com; mhill@leonitownship.com; rkinch@leonitownship.com; Matt Horning; supervisor@napoleontownship.us; deputysupervisor@napoleontownship.us; clerk@napoleontownship.us; treasurer@napoleontownship.us; Rep. Kathy Schmaltz (District 46)
Subject: Please Vote No on House Bill Number 4919

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Michigan House Committee on Economic Development,

I write to you today urging all parties involved to vote NO on House Bill Number 4919. One does not need to look far to see what reckless policies such as this will mean to the general public of Michigan. We do not want our public sidewalks, parks, transportation hubs, and public buildings to be "used freely". The wording "used freely" is far too loose of a term and could be interpreted multiple ways. It very well could lead to squatting along with encampments with drug use, prostitution dens, and various other nefarious activities that are detrimental to the public's well being. Furthermore there is no provision for just homeless Michigan residents and it could cover homeless from anywhere including undocumented immigrants who are currently crossing the border in very large numbers. Homeless people are not 2nd class citizens and thus already have the same constitutional rights as all citizens when it comes to public property so I really view this bill as unnecessary.

What we don't want to occur are people putting up tents/dwellings, defecating, or dropping needles on our public side walks, in our parks, or any other public space. As the Chairman of Jackson County's Public Safety and Transportation Committee I cannot in good conscious support this bill. I urge you all to take a look at what is going on nationally and do what is best for the residents of the state of Michigan. This bill as written will open the door to everything I mentioned and as I stated; it is unnecessary as being homeless does not strip an individual of their constitutional rights.

I am respectfully requesting that you email a copy of this email to all members of this committee as well as all Michigan House Members so it is on record. If you have not contacted Sheriff Departments, City and Township Police, and State Police leadership on their thoughts on this bill then I would strongly encourage you to do so before taking any action. Thank you for serving our state and taking the time to read my concerns.

Best regards,

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Vice Chairman Jackson County Board of Commissioners
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From: Linda Cremer <lincremer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 1:32 PM
To: Hazel Crawley
Subject: HB 4919 Vote No

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Good Afternoon Senator,

I am humbly asking you to Vote NO on HB4919.

There must be limitations in place. We cannot continue to run our state and our nation without limits and responsibilities.

Please help keep our state sovereign and to protect all people. Please don't let our state become California. We can do better. Please set our standards high to help stomp out these immoral and unsanitary conditions.

Vote NO on HB 4919.

Thank you!
Linda Cremer
Concerned Michigan Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Hazel Crawley

From: 1uptonow <uptonow1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 8:32 PM
To: Rep. Emily E. Dievendorf (District 77); Rep. Joseph A. Aragona (District 60); Rep. Lori Stone (District 13); Rep. Helena Scott (District 7); Rep. Joey Andrews (District 38); Rep. Kristian C. Grant (District 82); Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou (District 75); Rep. Dale W. Zorn (District 34); Rep. Andrew Fink (District 35); Rep. Jay DeBoyer (District 63); Rep. Kevin Coleman (District 25)
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Dear House Subcommittee members for Economic Development and Small Business on Housing,

I understand your Subcommittee will be meeting on **HB 4919 - A bill to establish a bill of rights for the homeless; and to provide a remedy for violation of those rights.**

I really hope the Subcommittee members will **vote NO** on this bill.

I am concerned about the following language in the bill that will allow the homeless:

*The right to **USE** and move freely in public spaces, including, but not limited to, public sidewalks, public parks, public transportation, and public buildings, in the same manner as any other individual and without discrimination on the basis of the individual's housing status.*

Please do not let Michigan's public parks and public sidewalks mirror public places in cities like San Francisco, Seattle and New York City. Michiganders do not want their public places to be the next homeless camps that have ruined so many cities in the U.S. According to the [2022 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report to Congress](#) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the report indicates there were **8,206 total residents** in Michigan experiencing homelessness in 2022. Why are we changing laws and giving more rights to **a population of .082%??** What about the rights of tax paying Michiganders? And considering the bill does not reflect a high percentage of homeless people who have addiction issues which is a significant symptom of homelessness, why is Michigan not working harder to solve those issues? According to [SAMHSA \(Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration\)](#), 38% of homeless people abused alcohol while 26% abused other drugs. Close to 2/3 of homeless veterans suffer from alcohol or drug abuse. Why are we not helping these people instead of offering them more opportunities to live in perilous situations?

I find it problematic that your bill does not cite most of the serious causes of homelessness (e.g. alcohol and substance abuse and/or mental illness) but only "a severe shortage of safe and affordable housing and a shrinking social safety net".

What problem exactly is this bill designed to solve? It does not solve the problem of homelessness. Is it mainly designed to make sure to capture these unfortunate individuals on the voter rolls?

I have concerns with the language in the bill not being specific to Michigan citizens which if passed as written, will lead to additional illegal aliens to take up temporary residence in Michigan's public places. This is not safe for Michiganders,

our children, our seniors, for no one. We watch stories on the news everyday of horrendous crimes committed against law-abiding U.S. citizens by illegal aliens. And no, they are not migrants. Migrants arrive, and they return to their homeland.

Another bill language concern: If the individual is a United States citizen, the right to vote, register to vote, and receive documentation necessary to prove identity for voting without discrimination due to housing status.

If a homeless person is not registered at a Michigan homeless shelter or a church, where are they allowed to vote? How will a clerk confirm citizenship and Michigan residency? Where exactly may they vote? What is to prevent someone from Indiana, Ohio or Wisconsin from crossing into a Michigan border town, self-identifying as a homeless person wanting to vote in Michigan?

At minimum, add language that this bill is specific to the citizens of Michigan and their identity documentation must be confirmed 30 days prior to Election Day. The state cannot afford to attract illegal aliens to its public places, schools and hospitals, nor have voting precincts in state borderline communities be compromised.

Again, I truly hope you will vote NO on HB 4919 for the safety of your constituents and for all Michiganders.

Sincerely,

Catherine Upton
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