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Hello,

My name is Laura Abellera and I live in the city of La Crosse. I'm writing in vehement opposition to the inhumane, unsustainable, and reactive "solutions" proposed in Item 23-0673. Aside from the horrific disregard for human life that this legislation embodies, it also lacks any meaningful substance for addressing the systemic issue of homelessness and the lack of affordable housing in this city. This legislation does not address homelessness and only serves to further criminalize poverty, shame our neighbors, and completely ignores the root causes of homelessness. The rhetoric I continue to hear about our homeless neighbors is absurd, insulting, and based on utter ignorance and hate. I am hoping, especially given the recent pledge to collaborate and end homelessness locally, that this legislation is swiftly dismissed as the harmful distraction that it is.

Please redirect effort, energy, and resources toward preventative and direct solutions like quality, (actually) affordable housing, and removing barriers to accessing social services locally.

I hope the committee and council will focus on and center the needs of those most impacted and harmed by homelessness and oppose this legislation.

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with love & rage,

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