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Good afternoon,

My name is Ben Mitchell and I live and work in La Crosse. I'm strongly opposed to City Ordinance 23-0673, which would criminalize homelessness in this city. I believe that this is an irresponsible misallocation of resources that could be used to alleviate the causes of homelessness, rather than punishing the symptoms of it. It is a quick band-aid on a deeper structural problem, one that the Mayor and the City Council have the power to address properly. La Crosse needs more affordable housing, social workers, and safe injection sites, not punitive measures for our unhoused neighbors who have already suffered enough. I plan to be in attendance tonight for the Council meeting discussing this ordinance and voicing my opposition vocally.

Thank you,
Benjamin Mitchell