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Hello,

I am writing to all of you to share how I, and countless other citizens of La Crosse are concerned and opposed to allowing the homeless population to camp in parks and/ or fund housing the homeless population. There are so many tax paying citizens that are struggling to survive in this economy. We are struggling to put groceries in our fridge, pay our very high utility bills, put gas in the car so that we can go to work and continue scraping by. The funding being discussed is truly a slap in the face to the tax paying citizens who need your help. Additionally, when the homeless population was allowed to camp in houska, they trashed it. They did not even appreciate it. When they were placed in the last hotel that the city provided, they trashed that too. Why do you continue to help someone more than they are willing to help themselves? That is not helpful, it is enabling their behavior. Additionally, there are numerous in the homeless population here in la crosse that are from other states. Why arent you focusing on helping those who fund you? Please know, the vast majority of la crosse citizens oppose this. If this goes through, we know that you are representing yourselves and not the citizens and businesses in this city. Do the right thing and work for the citizens that live, work, own businesses and pay taxes here. We love this city. Don't change that.

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