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Unhappy evening, I hope this email finds you well, but a pleasant greeting wouldn't suffice for this occasion. My name is Lily Wagner, I am a La Crosse constituent and have been born and raised here in our riverside city.

I strongly urge you not to pass bill 24-0510, as it would displace homeless people, who as of the moment have absolutely no where else to go. This bill is actively treating homeless people as a problem to be dealt with as opposed to people who you likely went to school with, played in the sandbox with, ate at lunch with, crossed paths hundreds of times.

The truth is that for far too long these people have been put on the back burner because our local government refuses to empathize with them and take a proactive and efficient approach to addressing the needs of these people because you find them and their problems unattractive. It seems as though it's somehow easier for you all to just sweep their encampments and displace them (again) than it is to actually help fund and implement programs that would help them.

I apologize (not really) if this email comes off as strong or rude, i'm just a frustrated citizen and I don't see the point in another sweep and ban of camping if it just means more displacement, pain and a repeated cycle for the people living in those encampments. What's especially frustrating is that i'm sure that you have all received emails in the past regarding your MULTIPLE bans and clearings of homeless encampments and you choose to burry your head in the sand and act as though you have no idea what's going on in your community. My only fear is that if i make my words too strong then you will refuse to hear me, which is even worse because if you refuse to listen to someone simply because they have an off tone then you're likely not cut out for politics which is kind of your entire job.

- Lily Wagner