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Hello,

This email is my commentary on Bill number 24-0510, to ban emergency camping in the marsh.

What is the purpose of the "state"? If we look to the nikayas, the Buddha explains that the purpose of the state is to provide for the wealth and happiness of **all** of its subjects. Among the duties of the state is to prevent crime, which, as specified by the Buddha, is to be done by giving wealth to those in need as poverty is the main cause of crime. How does this apply to Bill #24-0510? This bill, and the series of actions the city has taken in the last few years, not only violate the stated purpose of the state, it directly goes against it. By this city's actions of sending in the police to beat the homeless around town and destroy their personal property and forcing the homeless into worse and worse situations, you not only are not providing for the wealth and happiness of all of your subjects, you are committing murder! Sure, you may not be holding a gun or a bloody knife, but by using the system to deprive people of the things they need to live, you are committing social murder! Your actions make you far worse than any individual person who's committed murder, as you can hide yourself behind the law and make it seem like a good thing. The lives of every homeless person who has passed away in this city rests on your head, the blood of this social murder is on your hands. Every time you look down, I hope, like Lady Macbeth, you see blood that is unable to be washed.

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"It's not that we have a short time to live, but that we waste much of it" - Seneca

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