



# Peace and Freedom Party of California Legislative Committee

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Honorable Senator Sasha Perez  
1021 O St. - Suite 6720  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject:** SB 634 - Homelessness: civil and criminal penalties.- SUPPORT

Dear Senator Perez,

The Peace and Freedom Party strongly supports this legislative effort to protect our unhoused fellow citizens from legal harassment just because they are homeless. And also to protect those who would help them from running afoul of the law. We appreciate that your bill would prohibit cities, counties and the state from imposing civil or criminal penalties on homeless people for the simple act of being homeless.

The fact that our society has devolved to the point where many people end up living on our sidewalks and fields is an indictment of the current capitalist economic system. To further burden those who fall through the increasingly widening cracks in the social safety net with civil or criminal penalties is disgraceful.

We also appreciate your bill's protection of those good-hearted citizens who provide assistance to our homeless citizens. Acts of kindness and mercy should not be penalized

The Peace and Freedom Party believes that all people have a right to shelter and we therefore are pleased to support SB 634. To discuss our position on SB 634 please contact me at [reigers@earthlink.net](mailto:reigers@earthlink.net)

Sincerely,

***John C. Reiger***

Legislative Committee Chairperson  
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