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**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Homeless Camp Evictions at Aston Park

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Dear Ms. Campbell,

I am writing to express my opposition to the eviction of the homeless camp at Aston Park. I saw pictures of the cops threatening arrest this morning and the camp appeared clean and well-kept. When I want to escape to the woods I can camp for free on hundreds of acres of state and national parks. I have the luxury of a car to get me there and tax-dollar maintained restrooms to use if needed. Why are our collective dollars not providing such luxury to the homeless within our city, who desperately need a place to camp? It does not matter that shelters are supposedly available. These people obviously prefer camping, which as an outdoor enthusiast and camper myself, I can appreciate and understand. Please stop kicking these people while they are down, especially during a pandemic. As someone who is privileged to have many camping options without threat of arrest and eviction it is painfully obvious that this has roots in class issues.

Sincerely,  
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