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**Subject:** Homeless camp evictions in Hamilton

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To whom it may concern-

I was born in this city. When I was a child people used to joke that mentally ill people were shipped in from other cities to live here. They used a different word though. When people are reinvicted with no jobs during a pandemic where do you expect them to go? Picking up a tent and living in a park or forest seems like a pretty reasonable option to me. I walk the trails weekly. I have for all of my life and not one camper bothers me, even when I walk the side trails. What bothers me is the blatant lack of respect for human life and dignity. These people need help and support, not a cold boot or hot gasoline.

BThis town is becoming more and more like Gotham without Batman and the biggest villain of all are the politicians passing motions in favour of appearances while stepping on the poor. You may not even read this and you may not even care but I am not the only one that feels this way. I have been active in this community for decades as an artist, musician and impresario. It wouldn't take much digging to find proof of my efforts to make the city a better place to live. Now it's your turn.

Respectfully yours,  
Jim Fitzgerald Jr.