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To: Downtown Cobourg
Subject: RE: (EXTERNAL SOURCE) Fwd: Proposed DBIA Program for Homeless

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From: **Jim Glover** [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Nov 14, 2023 at 1:11 PM
Subject: Proposed DBIA Program for Homeless
To: <dbia@downtowncobourg.ca>, Lucas Cleveland <mayor@cobourg.ca>

Good afternoon:

My wife and I live in Downtown Cobourg and spend around \$4 - \$5,000 a year amongst the downtown retail stores, restaurants and Victoria Hall. Our favourite stores are all the clothing and shoe stores and The Market & Smor. We have always supported the downtown core.

We have been harassed by the "screamers" near King and Division. We see lots of homeless folks congregating around nearby Transition House, Trinity United and other spots in town. Our recycling garbage is picked through every Tuesday morning. We no longer walk or park downtown after 4:00 PM. The proposed DBIA Program for the Homeless will lead us to shopping only on the internet or in Peterborough. No spending on King St. at all - including at Victoria Hall.

The proposal is the dumbest proposal we have ever heard. A great way to destroy our downtown core. How do you think visitors to downtown Cobourg will feel when they see Cobourg's inclusion of Drug Addicts in our downtown business stores?

A definite NO GO.

Jim Glover