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**Notes from editor (not for publication):**

Hi, Kathy! I'm slammed with letters and need to keep things tight. I've compressed a little, intending to do so without compromising your message. All the best, Jeff

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**HEADLINE ELEMENTS:**

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1 Police department deserves our support

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**3 TEXT BODY:**

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4 I and many community members see the incredible work  
5 our police department does in Brattleboro to make it safe and  
6 hospitable for all people. As an employee working downtown, I  
7 also know that the police *do not* issue trespassing citations  
8 without good cause.

9 To even repeat that police officers no-trespass someone  
10 for trying to stay warm is reprehensible. The Selectboard needs to  
11 publicly apologize to our police department.

12 It is disturbing that a Selectboard member, Isaac Evan-  
13 Franz, would take such an allegation and bring it to a board  
14 meeting as if it were a proven fact. Drug addicts lie and blame  
15 others — it comes with the disease. Our elected officials make  
16 the situation worse and more divisive by accusing the police and  
17 their behavior and tactics.

18 We are sinking this town. It is insanity and delusional to  
19 think that offering more free camping equipment will do anything  
20 helpful. It won't. Groundworks hands out free tents and sleeping  
21 bags in a town without accessible camping or public facilities. It  
22 is a setup for the people on the street, it is a setup for our police  
23 department, and it is destroying our town.

24 Our riverbanks, trails, woods, and cemeteries are all  
25 littered with clothing, tents, sleeping bags, and used needles. Not  
26 to mention human waste. It's tragic, sad, and disgusting.

27 We need to thank the police and support them fully for  
28 the extremely hard work they do keeping our community safe.  
29 We need to back our police department and avoid adding to the  
30 division that plagues this community.

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