



Return Home to Housing Act

To help fulfill our promise to America's veterans

The Return Home to Housing Act would raise the maximum allowable rate that the Department of Veterans Affairs can reimburse to service providers for supplying transitional housing to unhoused veterans, from 115 to 200 percent.

Co-Leads: Rep. Andrew Garbarino (NY-02), Rep. Sara Jacobs (CA-51), Rep. Claudia Tenney (NY-24)

Endorsing Organizations: The American Legion, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, National Alliance to End Homelessness, Bipartisan Policy Center Action, and Veterans of Foreign Wars

Why Does This Matter?

Too many of our nation's veterans have returned home from serving our country with no access to housing. The issue is a lack of transitional housing to serve all of those in need. In the 116th Congress, the maximum allowable reimbursement was raised to 115 percent of the standard rate, however the increase was not enough for providers to serve all veterans in need. **We have a responsibility to fulfill our promise to every veteran who has served our country, and it starts with ensuring transitional housing is available to those who need it.**

By the Numbers:

On a single night in 2024, **32,884 veterans** were recorded experiencing homelessness^[i].

As of October 2024, **3 states and 85 communities** have announced an end to veterans homelessness^[ii]

Of the Department of Veteran's Affairs homelessness budget, **\$603 million (or 20%)** is allocated to transitional housing.^[iii]

[i] <https://data.bls.gov/dataViewer/view/timeseries/CES6562440001;jsessionid=29AE8A9439509185FE1E5A155C8C314D>

[ii] <https://www.americanprogress.org/article/data-dashboard-an-overview-of-child-care-and-early-learning-in-the-united-states/>

[iii] <https://news.va.gov/136057/vas-homelessness-budget-where-the-dollars-go/#:~:text=For%20this%20fiscal%20year%E2%80%9494Oct,their%20journey%20out%20of%20homelessness>

Status: PASSED! In the 118th Congress, this legislation championed by Congresswoman Nikema Williams passed the House of Representatives as part of the *Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act*

