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## **Unhoused Persons Bill of Rights**

The Unhoused Persons Bill of Rights resolution declares fundamental civil and human rights protections for unhoused individuals, while providing a blueprint for the federal government to permanently end the homelessness crisis.

Housing is a human right, yet on any given night in the United States roughly 771,000 individuals are unhoused. Children also suffer from homelessness, with roughly 1 million K-12 students experiencing homelessness each year.

Access to housing is increasingly out of reach, and the federal government must address this preventable and inhumane crisis. In more than 92 percent of U.S. counties, a full-time minimum wage worker cannot afford a one-bedroom apartment. At the same time, public housing units have an estimated repair backlog of over \$90 billion and only 25 percent of eligible households receive rental assistance.

The Unhoused Persons Bill of Rights:

- Calls on the federal government to permanently end the unhoused crisis by 2029 by drastically increasing the affordable housing stock, providing universal housing vouchers, and bolstering funding to federal housing programs, shelters, transitional and permanent housing programs, social services, and permanent emergency rental assistance;
- Demands \$168 billion be redirected from military spending to end the unhoused crisis, in addition to \$148 billion in funding every five years to preserve public housing for future generations
- Calls on Congress to protect unhoused individuals from the violation of their fundamental human rights to housing, health care, livable wages, education, employment opportunities, access to public facilities, and freedom from harassment by law enforcement, private businesses, property owners, and housed residents;
- Details holistic, health-based, and non-carceral solutions to the unhoused crisis in coordination with federal agencies, community-led organizations, and unhoused advocates from a health-based approach that addresses both the unhoused and public health crises.