Housing Ends Homelessness, Strengthens Communities



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HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY¹

Cumberland Co.: 243 people (+6.6%)

Adams Co.: 49 people (+8.9%)

Perry Co.: 34 people (+21.4%)

SMART INVESTMENT POLICY

HOUSING INVESTMENTS SAVE MONEY → reduce strain on healthcare and public safety

FEWER PEOPLE IN CRISIS \rightarrow safer, cleaner, more stable neighborhoods

STABLE HOUSING → people return to work and pay taxes

MORE STABLE NEIGHBORHOODS → property values are protected

ADULTS WITH HOMES →
more likely to stay employed, succeed in
school, avoid the ER

PROVIDING HOUSING → 2x more effective and ½ the cost of criminalization

PROPOSED SENATE CUTS

- Limit Rental Assistance to 2 years
- Cut Permanent Supportive Housing for families with disability

REALITY

- 66% of local households receiving rental assistance are led by someone with a disability
- Without support, limited income heightens risk of housing instability

THE ROOT CAUSE

Housing costs have surged; wages haven't kept up

82% support expanding affordable housing²

75% agree that unaffordable housing is main cause of homelessness²

CALLS TO ACTION

- ✓ Support proven, cost-effective housing solutions
- ✓ Invest in housing that saves lives and public dollars
- ✓ Protect families, veterans, seniors, and workers
- ✓ Expand, don't cut, federal housing investments

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