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Subject: [External] In support of H. 492 - An act relating to establishing a homeless bill of rights

Dear Mr. Chair and members of the House Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs:

As a Vermonter who has worked in the related fields of homelessness, poverty-reduction, and community development for 20 years, I wish to express support for legislation that would protect the dignity and human rights of Vermonters who are without housing.

In the past, it seemed it would be strategic to have this legislation in place to prevent future abuses of the type one could read about in other states, abuses I hadn't yet witnessed in Vermont.

As my work in Rutland has brought me into closer contact with families and individuals who are homeless – people who are both vulnerable, and yet resilient beyond belief - I now see a sense of urgency.

Best, Angus

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