

**A BILL TO ENACT THE HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM TO
FIGHT HOMELESSNESS MORE EFFECTIVELY**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall enact a program similar to the
3 "Housing First" program enacted by the State of Utah. This program shall
4 provide federally funded housing to any person who is homeless who
5 applies for assistance or is recruited by a program employee.

6 **SECTION 2.** Homelessness shall be defined using the Department of Housing and
7 Urban Development's definition, as 1) literally homeless; 2) imminent risk
8 of homelessness; 3) homeless under other Federal statutes; and 4)
9 fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall oversee the
11 implementation of this bill.

12 A. Program participants shall contribute \$50 or 30% of their income
13 (whichever is greater) to the program's funding.

14 B. Any savings in other programs resulting from a decrease in
15 homelessness shall also be transferred to the program.

16 C. Up to \$38.5 billion shall be provided to HUD in addition to funding
17 provided by program participants and savings from other areas.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented immediately upon passage.

19 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

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