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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

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To the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness:

I oppose this statewide shelter program. Our government has already wasted hundreds of millions of dollars across this state on homelessness issues with little transparency. I for one am tired of paying supplemental housing and services taxes as I watch the problem expand. These efforts are better handled by the private sector and for much less cost. Look at Bybee Lakes Hope Center as an example, or Union Gospel Mission. Taxpayers are tired of being asked to spend more money on a problem that has only increased because of our current government ineptitude. We need to stop funding this industrial homeless complex and find ways to support the proven organizations that are already making headway on these issues. Increasing our taxes is only going to add more numbers to the homeless population.