

# SUPPORT HB 1429

## Stop the Increasing Criminalization of Homelessness in Illinois

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**Fining and arresting people experiencing unsheltered homelessness is unjust and counterproductive. Local governments need to partner in constructive solutions to ensure everyone has a safe, affordable place to call home.**



### ISSUE

**The primary cause of unsheltered homelessness is the lack of housing options that are affordable and accessible to all. This includes a shortage of both emergency shelter and affordable rental housing, particularly permanent supportive housing (PSH).**

This legislation is a response to the June 2024 U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Grants Pass v. Johnson*, which determined that people experiencing homelessness can be arrested and fined for sleeping outside even when there are no alternatives.

**The focus is on preventing the further criminalization of homelessness, without restricting pre-existing municipal powers.** Before and since the *Grants Pass* decision, local governments in Illinois have had the power to make people move when they so desire, by using trespassing and other ordinances. This legislation does not change that.

The practical impact of the Supreme Court decision has only **encouraged a rapidly increasing number of local governments to enact fines and other criminal penalties** that make it harder for people to secure housing.

### PROVISIONS

- Protects people who are engaging in “life-sustaining activities” such as trying to stay warm, resting, and eating.
- Allows enforcement of ordinances, policies, or procedures without fines or criminal penalties against people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to maintain access to public places and/or address serious and imminent risks to safety.
- Does not restrict potential criminal penalties for violations of any other laws or ordinances.
- Except in an emergency, it requires a 3-business-day notice to persons being required to move.
- Before enforcement, there must be a good-faith effort to provide temporary shelter, as well as transportation and social services that meet long-term housing needs.
- Enforcement must comply with the Community Emergency Services and Support Act.
- Requires the Illinois Office to Prevent and End Homelessness Interagency Task Force to make policies and procedures related to encampments public.

Anti-camping enforcement examples



[chicagohomeless.org/examples/hb1429](https://chicagohomeless.org/examples/hb1429)

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## ENDORISING ORGANIZATIONS

- Abundant Housing Illinois
- Access Living, Chicago
- Agape Community Outreach Mission, Kankakee
- AIDS Foundation Chicago
- Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County, Hillside
- Anew: Building Beyond Violence and Abuse, Homewood
- Association for Individual Development (AID), Aurora
- Brightpoint
- Cannabis Equity IL Coalition
- Carbondale Warming Center
- Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet
- Catholic Conference of Illinois
- Center for Changing Lives, Chicago
- Center for Housing & Health, Chicago
- Champaign County Health Care Consumers
- CHHRGE (Chicago Health and Homelessness Response Group for Equity)
- Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance
- Chicago Center for Psychoanalysis
- Chicago Coalition to end Homelessness
- Chicago House and Social Service Agency
- Chicago Therapy Collective
- Children's Home Association of Illinois, Peoria
- Citizen Action/Illinois
- Community Behavioral Healthcare Association (CBHA)
- Connections for the Homeless, Evanston
- Corporation for Supportive Housing
- Cunningham Township, Urbana
- Deborah's Place, Chicago
- Disability Housing Justice, Chicago
- Dove, Inc., Decatur
- Empowerment Opportunity Center, Decatur
- Equality Illinois
- Fortitude Community Outreach, Kankakee
- Greater Chicago Food Depository
- Health & Medicine Policy Research Group
- Heartland Continuum of Care, Springfield
- Helping Hands of Springfield
- Hesed House, Aurora
- Home Sweet Home Ministries, Bloomington/Normal
- HOPE Fair Housing Center, Wheaton
- Housing Action Illinois
- Housing Forward, Maywood
- Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly Inc. (H.O.M.E.), Chicago
- Illinois Harm Reduction & Recovery Coalition
- Illinois Public Health Institute
- Impact for Equity, Chicago
- Inner Voice, Inc., Chicago
- Joining Forces for Affordable Housing, Evanston
- Journeys | The Road Home, Palatine
- Lake County Crisis Center, Zion
- Lake County Regional Office of Education, Antioch
- Latino Policy Forum
- Legal Action Chicago
- LULA Peoria - NFP
- LYTE Collective, Chicago
- McHenry County Mental Health Board
- McLean County Center for Human Services
- Mental Health Autonomy Alliance, Chicago
- Metropolitan Family Services, Chicago
- Municipal Information System, Inc.(MISI), Brighton
- N/NW Suburban Housing Task Force, Wheeling
- NAMI Illinois
- NAMI McHenry County, Crystal Lake
- New Beginnings Recovery Homes Incorporated, Chicago
- New Moms, Chicago
- Niles Township Government, Skokie
- Northern Illinois Homeless Coalition, Rockford, as well as Boone, DeKalb and Winnebago Counties
- Northwest Center, Chicago
- NWS Outreach Volunteers, Chicago
- Open Communities, Evanston
- Peoria Proud
- Phoenix Community Development Services, Peoria
- Phoenix Foundation, NFP, Chicago
- Pushing Envelopes Chicago
- Red Line Service Institute, Chicago
- Respond Now, Chicago Heights
- Sangamon Valley Sierra Club, Springfield
- Shriver Center on Poverty Law
- South Suburban PADS, Chicago Heights
- Steven's Home, Woodstock
- Students Against Exclusionary Zoning (at UChicago), Chicago
- Supportive Housing Providers Association
- Take Action Today, West Frankfort
- TASC
- The Children's Place Association, Chicago
- The Network-Advocating Against Domestic Violence
- The Night Ministry, Chicago
- Thresholds
- Trilogy
- Together We Cope, Tinley Park
- UChicago Against Displacement
- UChicago Democrats Housing Policy Caucus, Chicago
- United Way of Pekin
- University of Chicago Harm Reduction Project (UCHRP)
- Veterans Path to Hope, Crystal Lake, Grayslake, Hebron, Chicago, Rockford
- Will County Continuum of Care, serving Will, Kendall, and Grundy Counties

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