

# Urgent Message: Restore Cuts to Homeless Services

November 2011

To: Representative/Senator: \_\_\_\_\_

From (Name, Agency, City): \_\_\_\_\_

**Re: State Homeless Services cut by state 52%.**

Last year the Emergency and Transitional Housing Program provided overnight shelter and transitional housing to 40,542 people, one-third of them below the age of 18. However, people were turned away 45,673 times.

This year the state budget for these programs was cut by 52%, from \$9.1 million to \$4.4 million. The cuts could force an additional 6,746 people on to our streets.

How are providers responding?

- Reducing number of beds available
- Reducing number of people served
- Laying off staff who provide case management and other services
- Some agencies are at-risk of closing unless cuts are restored

Additional Comments:

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Without shelter YOUR community members are at increased risk of hospitalization, hunger, frostbite, even death (it's getting cold outside)!

**Restore Funding For  
The Emergency And Transitional Housing Program!**