

STATEMENT ON THE HARMFUL EXECUTIVE ORDER ON HOMELESSNESS FROM THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

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Today, the Trump Administration released yet another harmful and illegal Executive Order (EO), entitled *Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets*, which cruelly targets people experiencing homelessness.

The order prioritizes criminalization and involuntary civil commitment of those forced to live on the streets due to the federal government's failure to invest in housing solutions that could have solved homelessness decades ago. Against best practices and <u>rigorous studies and data</u>, the order directs the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to de-prioritize and de-fund evidence-based programs like Housing First, as well as recovery programs that use harm reduction as a safe and compassionate step for those with substance use disorders on their path to recovery.

The order also attempts to require the collection of personal, private health-related data through homelessness and housing programs and share that information with law enforcement, further violating the privacy rights of those experiencing homelessness. The Coalition is evaluating the EO to understand its other potential impacts and will be working closely with partners at the local, state, and federal levels to minimize its potential harm to the people, systems, and communities we serve that are targeted by this dangerous EO.

The data-proven solution to homelessness is safe, affordable housing with appropriate wrap-around services. The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless will continue to fulfill our mission of creating lasting solutions to homelessness. We remain committed to preventing and resolving homelessness through the provision of safe support-centered housing, low-barrier access to fully integrated high-quality healthcare, and creating a supportive community where everyone has a place to call home.

Learn more about the EO in this White House fact sheet.

Learn more about evidence-based solutions on the Coalition's Reports & Issue Brief webpage.