

April 27, 2021

The Honorable David E. Price
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing, Urban Development and
Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
2108 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing, Urban Development and
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Committee on Appropriations
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

We are writing to request that the Transportation-HUD Appropriations Subcommittee continue meaningful funding for programs that provide assistance to homeless veterans. Specifically, we request \$47 million for the HUD-VASH program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, which is the FY2017 enacted level.

While homelessness among veterans has fallen by nearly 50 percent since 2010¹, veteran homelessness still remains a problem. According to the HUD point-in-time count, 37,878 veterans were homeless on a given night in 2018. Of those veterans, 14,566 were unsheltered or living on the street.² These startling numbers are why it is so critical to support the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program.

The HUD-VASH program has been highly successful in helping our nation's veterans escape homelessness each year. The program combines rental assistance, in the form of a HUD voucher, with case management and supportive services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). By combining services, the HUD-VASH program helps homeless veterans return to being self-sufficient members of their community. Through community outreach, we have witnessed the benefits of the HUD-VASH voucher program in our districts. Veterans are provided the stable environment necessary for addressing the factors that led to their homelessness.

We are very grateful that the Appropriations Committee has provided \$40 million for new HUD/VASH vouchers for the last two years. However, we feel that it is prudent and necessary to again fund the program at \$47 million. Homelessness among veterans—even one veteran—is

¹ https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/pit_count.asp

² 2018 Point In Time Estimate of Homeless Veterans, page 54. Available:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/2018-AHAR-Part-1.pdf>

unacceptable. By increasing funding to \$47 million we will show our commitment to ensuring homelessness among veterans is eliminated.

As your Subcommittee considers the FY 2022 Transportation-HUD Appropriations bill, we ask that you support funding for our homeless veterans and specifically the HUD-VASH program. Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Al Green
Member of Congress



Barbara Lee
Member of Congress



Christopher H. Smith
Member of Congress



Member of Congress

HUD-VASH Program, FY 2022
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