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Back youth homelessness bill

Homelessness is a huge issue that affects the lives of thousands of people across Massachusetts. To be more specific, youth homelessness is something that people may not be familiar with. These unaccompanied youth are people, between the ages of 18 and 24, who are living on the street, couch surfing, or living in a shelter without their parents.

Did you know there are more than 6,000 homeless youth just in Massachusetts high schools?

How are these young people supposed to finish school, pursue their dreams, and transition into adulthood if they do not even have a place to call home? No one should have to suffer and experience this tragedy.

As youth homelessness increases, our need for social services and housing becomes more urgent. Today, there are no supportive services or safe housing to help these youth in many parts of the state. The housing and services that do exist are not even close to the amount needed.

Change can only happen with your help. House Bill 135, an act providing housing and services to homeless youth, needs to be passed. We need to get all of our state legislators' support. Call your senator and your representative today and urge them to support the bill.

Come to the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless Legislative Action Day on Feb. 27, 2014 at the Statehouse to show your support for the bill. Please help to make sure this bill is passed. We must fight to help these youth have a brighter future.

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