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Join in Our "Youth Without Homes Can't Wait: Pass House Bill 135" Photo Action!

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Greetings!

Even though formal legislative sessions have ended, <u>House Bill</u> 135: An Act providing housing and support services to unaccompanied homeless youth, still is alive-- thanks to all of your amazing advocacy! We will be working throughout September and into the fall to pass the bill before the 2013-2014 officially ends on December 31st.

As you may recall, the bill still is awaiting action by the <u>House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means</u> (House Ways and Means). Before the end of formal sessions on July 31st, we could feel the build up of momentum in support of the bill, and now we need to increase the support even more to get the bill across the finish line.

In order to show legislators that there is widespread support for youth-focused housing and services for young people age 24 and under who are experiencing homelessness outside the custody and care of a parent or guardian, we are launching a photo action. We have been sharing the faces and stories of youth who are experiencing homelessness with legislators each week, and now we want them to see the faces of the campaign's supporters, too-- that is, your beautiful face!

Click here to <u>learn more about the photo action</u> or see the box below.

Thank you for your solidarity!

-Kelly

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Youth Without Homes Can't Wait: Photo Action in Support of House Bill 135



Photo Action Instructions:

- 1.) Please <u>download a sample sign from this link</u> (right click on an image to print or save the image) or create your very own sign in support of housing and services for youth.
- 2.) Take a picture of you (and pictures of your friends, family members, colleagues, and pets!) holding up the sign.
- 3.) Email your photo(s) to Kelly: kelly@mahomeless.org.
- 4.) Fill out the <u>form linked here</u> so we can match your picture and email address (be sure to scroll down to the very bottom of the page to hit submit)-- or just include your information in your email to Kelly. We will post your photo to our <u>"Youth Without Homes Can't Wait" online album</u> and share your picture with your legislators.
- 5.) Share your picture with your friends on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and other social media sites, and encourage them to participate, too. Consider using your photo action picture as your profile picture to increase visibility.
- 6.) Check out the photos already submitted: http://tinyurl.com/youth-photo-action

Thank you for your advocacy!

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