Dear **[LEGISLATOR NAME]**,

My name is **[INSERT YOUR NAME]** and I am **[INSERT EXPERIENCE/ORGANIZATION]** and a resident of **[INSERT YOUR TOWN/CITY]**. I am writing to you today to share my deep concern about our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Just this year, there was a 13% rise in people experiencing homelessness, 44% of whom were children or older adults. Right now, 5,000 people across our state are experiencing homelessness, and one in four cannot come inside to warmth because there is no more space available.

Homelessness affects all communities across Connecticut. As a resident of **[INSERT YOUR TOWN/CITY]**, I urge you to support the following critical legislation:

* H.B 6893, An Act Appropriating Funds for Programs to Assist Homeless Persons, which will provide $33.5 million in funding to [**prevent homelessness, respond effectively, and ensure housing stability for all**](https://cceh.org/2024-fact-sheets/).
* H.B 6894, An Act Establishing an Interagency Council on Homelessness, which will codify the Interagency Council on Homelessness in statute.
* H.B. 7033, An Act Prohibiting a Municipality from Imposing Any Penalty on Homeless Persons for Performing Life-Sustaining Activities on Public Land.
* H.B 5002, An Act Concerning Housing and The Needs of Homeless Persons.

**[INSERT YOUR PROFESSIONAL & PERSONAL EXPERIENCE]**

**Share your “why”!** Are you a person with lived experience,

a front line staff member, or a service provider?

Are you a member of a community organization who is concerned about the well-being of your neighbors experiencing homelessness?

**Are you a voter?**

Add your reason for supporting these bills and say

why legislators should support them too.

Finally, we ask that you join the first-ever, newly formed End Homelessness Caucus. This Caucus was launched last month, and its goal is to work collaboratively with service providers and advocate for policies necessary to secure housing and life-changing services for those who are currently unhoused.

I appreciate your taking the time to read my message. Thank you for your attention to our neighbors experiencing homelessness, and for your service to our state.

Sincerely,

**[INSERT YOUR NAME, ORGANIZATION, TOWN/CITY]**