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Edgar B Burris Jr.
PRESIDENT
Warren County

I want to first and foremost thank Senator Baker and Senator Solobay for working on the problems of homelessness among our States Veterans.

Tim Cleveland
Vice President
EASTERN DISTRICT
Tioga County

This is not a problem restricted to Pennsylvania it is nationwide. In PA we have shelters and other areas that will assist homeless Veterans if you live in one of the major cities or large population counties. However homelessness is not restricted to these areas and the rural areas are starting to see higher numbers of homeless Veterans with nowhere for them to go.

John Cyprian
Vice President
WESTERN DISTRICT
Butler County

In rural areas there are no emergency shelters so if they have no family or friends that will take them in they must sleep in the cold and go hungry

Matthew Windsor
SECRETARY
McKean County

Although they may find somewhere to stay for a night or two by definition they are still homeless.

Gary Solander
TREASURER
Mercer County

With the President's proposed budget and cuts to the military I feel that we are going to see a rise in homelessness across the nation as many of these young men and women joined the military so they would have a job, income and a place to stay.

Basil Huffman
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS
Forest County

In Warren County there are many vacant building sitting on the State Hospital Grounds.

Shirley Noga
CHAPLAIN
Lawrence County

These buildings are already owned by the State of Pennsylvania this would be in my opinion an excellent use of resources to help with the homeless issues in the Northwestern part of the State.

Thomas Dye
LEGISLATION OFFICER
Lehigh County

I again wish to thank you for the opportunity to give testimony in this most worthy cause.

Don Cohick
PAST PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL
Lycoming County

Sincerely,

Robert Harris
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER
Franklin County

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