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Areas of Interest: Justice System, Housing Insecurity, Poverty, Homelessness, Absenteeism, Child Welfare, Education, Commission Strategies, Other

Groups of Interest: At-Risk, Youth Ages 14-17, Severely Disconnected, Moderately Disconnected

Subject: Solutions

Message:

Having been at the Mansfield Community conversation on April 30th. I brought attention to the state mandated testing and it's disenfranchisement effect on students and teachers alike. I suggest we change the metric by which we say you are valued to our children. I'm here now to request we focus on another possible solution to combat homelessness. Currently there are two bills on the house floor slated to die there without support. SB 143 An Act Concerning Eviction for Cause which ensures that landlords have a valid reason for eviction and not just because. Which has single handedly increase the evictions in CT. By hundreds of not thousands. Please contact your state representative and have them support SB143 just cause Eviction.

Secondly we need support for HB 5242 an Act Concerning the Collateral Consequences of Criminal Records on Housing Opportunities. Which again exacerbates homelessness by way of discrimination against someone who may have had a criminal record some time ago. The law requires landlords to not equate a criminal conviction when making a decision to rent when it has been past the allotted time frame since the previous conviction. Which are 3 years for misdemeanor and 5 years for felonies. Please call your State representative and demand that they pass these laws which will provide Humanity, Dignity and Value to people experiencing homelessness due to a previous mistake some time ago. Let's really make a difference pass SB 143 and HB 5242 and show we value life over profits.

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