



# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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County Council

## POSITION STATEMENT

### **HB 608**

Delegates Jelisi and  
Delegate Patterson

Housing and Community Development – Shelter and  
Transitional Housing Facilities Grant Program –  
Mandated Funding

### POSITION:

### SUPPORT

**HB 608** – Housing and Community Development – Shelter and Traditional Housing Facilities Grant Program – Mandated Funding – Altering from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000, beginning in fiscal year 2024 and for each fiscal year thereafter, the amount the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill or the capital budget bill for the Shelter and Transitional Housing Facilities Grant Program within the Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Prince George's County Council supports any legislation aimed at assisting the homeless community, particularly in Prince George's County. Prince George's County is home to a significant low-income population, who often struggle with maintaining safe and consistent housing. Financial hardship during the pandemic has significantly increased the rates of homelessness, which is why this fund increase is necessary.

Our county would greatly benefit from this increased funding by expanding the resources we provide to our homeless community. We would use this money to expand and improve transitional housing, support our emergency shelters, and work towards our goals of reducing the homelessness population.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS HB 608** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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