



September 27, 2023

Dear Honorable Members of the Housing Subcommittee,

The Community Owns Safety Coalition (COSC) of Grand Rapids has become aware of House Bill No. 4919 or "The Bill of Rights for the Homeless Act" and would like to unequivocally extend our support for this bill.

As a community coalition, we have a diverse group of members, some of whom are currently experiencing homelessness. Working directly in these communities, we know from first-hand experience that the language in this bill seeks to reduce the traumatic events and unfair discrimination that accompany surviving without shelter. **Regardless of housing status, people deserve to be treated with dignity and respect – HB 4919 will enshrine these rights and freedoms for ALL residents of Michigan.**

The COSC will be following this bill closely and sharing updates with our community. We send our sincerest gratitude to Representative Emily Dievendorf for introducing this bill and working inclusively for, not just her constituents, but all the people of Michigan. We urge our fellow legislatures to join us in support of HB 4919 and display their solidarity through action.

Sincerely,

**Community Owns Safety Coalition**

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