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"With over 1.5 million homeless veterans in our nation – a new war has begun & we must be victorious."

Why are veterans homeless?
- Lack of livable income
- Shortage of affordable housing
- Disability & lack of access to healthcare
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- Lack of family and social support networks

How many homeless veterans are there?
The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) estimates that 40,056 veterans are homeless on any given night.

STRATEGY TO END HOMELESS AMONG FORMER SERVICE MEMBERS

Current Proposed Bill in the 116th Congress (1st Session)
H.R. 715
Housing Our Military Service Members Act of 2019
Introduced January 23, 2019

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall develop a strategy to identify and eliminate homelessness among former service members who are not eligible for the veterans affairs supported housing program under section 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19); known as HUD–VASH) and other housing programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.