

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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SUPPORT MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Dear Colleague:

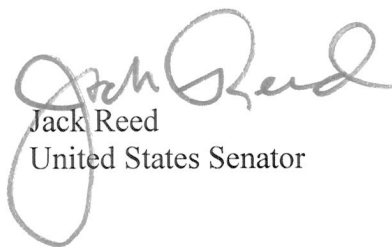
We invite you to join us in sending a letter to the Chair and Ranking Member of the Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee in support of \$2.2 billion for McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants in fiscal year 2010. Increased funding is needed in this economic downturn as more individuals and families are at risk of becoming homeless.

As many as 3.5 million people will experience homeless this year. McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants are used to provide a safety net, offering a seamless continuum of care to homeless persons. They also enable communities to implement homelessness prevention programs and work toward the goal of creating enough permanent, affordable housing units to meet the national need.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants have helped many communities make progress toward ending homelessness. Unfortunately, rising unemployment and worsening economic indicators mean that progress could be undone without additional support.

Please join us in requesting the necessary funding to continue this important work. If you have any questions or would like to sign the attached letter, please contact Andrew Odgren with Senator Reed at 4-4642 or Jenn Gallagher with Senator Martinez at 4-3041.

Sincerely,



Jack Reed
United States Senator



Mel Martinez
United States Senator