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Many youth in our state struggle with homelessness and all the stress associated with it. How can a child learn or grow or thrive in an environment where they worry about where they will sleep each night? Success does not lie with the youth who has no permanent residence to call home. At the least, they need our support, at the most they need help finding housing for themselves and their families. We owe it to this vulnerable population to give them a chance to succeed at being the best they can be.

If our goal as a state is to raise young people who feel abandoned by society, by those who should care for them when they need help, then let us continue on the path we are on. If, however, we wish to show our love and respect, our confidence in their ability to be meaningful members of society, we need to care for them in a meaningful way.

I have a 15-year-old grandchild and many of his friends live in single parent households, most with parents who work long hours and live on the edge of poverty. They are good kids who deserve a chance to grow up and become adults who know success and hope for their own futures. Please, do the right thing and support House Bill 3970, especially now at a time when many need our help more than ever. Thank you. Cindra Gray