

CALLING YOUR LEGISLATOR

Be friendly, be courteous, and thank them for their time.

Hi! My name is _____ and I live in your district. I'm calling because I have some concerns about the President's budget proposal and how it will impact my neighbors. I'm wondering if I could talk to someone about some of these concerns.

(At this point, they will either prompt you to continue talking, direct you to the website, or pass you on to someone else.)

I'm concerned about people who are homeless and in danger of being homeless because most of the programs that could help them are funded by Federal programs that are proposed to be cut in the President's budget. **There are currently 41 agencies and programs that receive money from these programs, totaling \$4,823,498 in Chester County.** Emergency shelter, rental assistance, coordinated entry, the housing locator, fair housing activities, senior housing, housing for people with disabilities, tax assistance, case management, road and sewer rehabilitation, credit counseling, housing rehabilitation, permanent and transitional housing programs are all funded at least partially by the Community Development Block Grant, the Community Services Block Grant, and the Home Investment Partnership Fund, which are proposed to be fully eliminated. I would like to see these programs instead be fully funded in the budget.

In 2016 3,339 voters called ConnectPoints for an emergency shelter bed and 1,002 individuals and families stayed in an emergency shelter. Out of those families, there were 200 children under the age of four who slept in shelter in 2016.

(If you are part of an agency, you can add more information about how your program helps homeless and housing insecure voters in their district)

(My agency name, where I'm employed) provides (briefly name what services you provide) and serves (# of people annually), many of whom live in your district. (Talk a little bit about how you help). These services are possible because of funding streams like Community Development Block Grant and the Community Services Block Grant, both of which President Trump has proposed to eliminate completely.

If funding is cut, costs to other emergency services to hospitals, prisons, and police will soar as people use these services for care rather than social services. Housing is healthcare, and without it, people are less likely to be successful in other areas of their lives. *(Frame this geared towards legislator's priorities)*

I am asking that *(insert legislators name)* vote against the elimination of CDBG, CSBG, HOME, AND LIHEAP in this budget proposal, and vote to preserve and fully fund these programs and all HUD and HHS programs.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns. I look forward to hearing more about how *(Legislator's name)* will support their most vulnerable constituents.