



Dear Governor Murphy,

We are writing to ask you to sign S2737/A4177 into law as soon as possible. This bill will allow counties that have adopted County Homelessness Trust Funds to increase the surcharge for each document recorded from three dollars to five dollars, with the additional two dollars going to fund Code Blue shelter services in the County. It is time for New Jersey to enable counties that want to provide Code Blue shelter services for their homeless residents to have the ability to raise funds to pay for them.

During the cold days of this winter, Code Blue has been vital to provide shelter services for our State's homeless population. Despite their best efforts working with local non-profits, some counties have found this requirement a financial burden. This bill will enable those counties to create a funding source for Code Blue, which was adopted in 2017, while not taking any funding from the current uses of their County Homeless Trust Funds. Hopefully, this bill will encourage the counties that do not have Trust Funds to enact one.

In addition, we urge you to work with the State Legislature to immediately address the need for emergency assistance for NJ's most vulnerable residents. Unfortunately, you vetoed S1965 which would have extended emergency assistance for a small group of eligible individuals who had previously exhausted the five year limit. We urge you to consider other solutions, like a new bill that limits the cost of the program to \$20 million that would protect these residents while limiting the impact on the budget. Advocates do not anticipate that the cost of the legislation will come close to that figure. This is an issue critical to NJ's most vulnerable residents and we hope you will resolve this issue without delay.

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