

February 5, 2024

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

Opponent, HB 2564, written testimony only

Respected Chair Rahjes and Committee Members,

I am an opponent to HB 2564 because enacting this legislation will only draw more homeless people and invite many illegal aliens that are pouring across our southern borders. The proposed budget of \$1 million for 2025 will only 'grow' as the word gets out and more and more homeless are drawn to our state. This bill does nothing to address homelessness or drug addiction or help these people find jobs.

More effort should be put into PREVENTING the cause of homelessness rather than feeding.

I understand there is a hearing tomorrow.

Please do not pass this bill out of committee favorably.

Most sincerely,

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