

MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 400				DATE: 3/31/2025	
COMMITTEE: Emerging Issues					
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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCAT			PHONE NUME	PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am Fully in Support of this Bill and its intension to STOP this Illegal Conduct!					



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I support this common sense bill to secure property rights and promote public safety.					



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I urge you to oppose HB 400, which expands property owners' ability to swiftly remove "unlawful occupants" from vacant, noncommercial land. While protecting property rights is important, this bill risks harming vulnerable populations and exacerbating homelessness without addressing systemic inequities.First, HB 400 effectively criminalizes homelessness. Vacant land often becomes a last resort for unsheltered individuals when shelters are full or inaccessible. By enabling rapid removal from these spaces, the bill pushes people into further instability, forcing them into unsafe environments or criminalizing their existence. Punishing survival—sleeping in a vacant lot when no alternatives					
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than penalizing survival, we should invest in proven solutions: expanding affordable housing, shelter access, mental health resources, and eviction protections. Policies like "Housing First" reduce homelessness and save public costs. HB 400 does the opposite, undermining dignity and safety for those with nowhere else to turn. I implore you to reject this punitive approach and pursue compassionate, equitable strategies to address homelessness.



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homelessness. Michigan lacks sufficient affordable housing and shelter capacity. Over 10,000 Michiganders experience homelessness on any given night, with shelters routinely over capacity. Removing people from vacant land without providing housing, outreach, or services will only deepen cycles of poverty and displacement.Finally, the bill's broad language invites abuse. Granting property owners unchecked power to remove individuals from unused land prioritizes ownership over humanity. Absent safeguards, this could lead to discriminatory or retaliatory actions against marginalized groups, including low-income families, migrants, or those simply seeking temporary refuge.Rather than penalizing survival, we should invest in proven solutions: expanding affordable housing, shelter access, mental health resources, and eviction protections. Policies like "Housing First" reduce homelessness and save public costs. HB 400 does the opposite, undermining dignity and safety for those with nowhere else to turn.I implore you to reject this punitive approach and pursue compassionate, equitable strategies to address homelessness.