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Bring America Home NOW! Campaign

The goal is to pass legislation in 6-7 areas that will end homelessness and create safe, decent, accessible and affordable homes. The campaign will include as decision makers: people who have experienced homelessness/housing crises, advocates, faith leaders, civil rights organizations, developers, policy makers, community members etc. as we design and implement culturally diverse, inclusive solutions.

The following are some examples under each major section of the campaign based on our work in early 2000s on Bring America Home Act

The goal is to pass omnibus legislation in each of the 5 areas vs one omnibus bill by engaging a diverse group of coalitions already focused on these areas

1. Create homes and end homelessness
2. Re-configuration on McKinney Vento housing program. Include NCH recommendations- Local control and design decision makers: people who have experienced homelessness/housing crises at every table, block of funding available with a variety of suggested options; but available for innovative approaches.
3. Create and maintain Homes
4. National Housing Trust Fund- diverse housing, tiny homes, multi-generational housing, co-operative
5. Rental Assistance via Section 8, walking tax credit attached to renter for everyone with incomes under 30% of median /or 200% of poverty whichever is greater
6. Infrastructure including housing that is affordable
7. Emergency rental/homeownership assistance
8. Homeownership- expansion of culturally diverse groups providing training and resources to address disparities. Manufactured Home parks own by residents,
9. Livable Income- Employment, Public Assistance and Basic income
10. Employment pays Living Wages

Examples: Universal Living Wage, Increase in minimum wage, Earned Income Tax Credit expansion

1. Universal Basic Income (UBI), Negative Income Tax, Public Assistance rate is livable income in each community.
2. Free/subsidized child care for all families adults are working/in school/and or have a disability with incomes under 30% of median /or 200% of poverty whichever is greater
3. Universal Health Care Examples: Single Payer system, all Americans get same coverage as congress, Medicare for all, affordable care act improvements
4. Education and Training
5. Free 2 years of college (during high school or after high school). Forgiveness of additional college debt for students by working in field to help others after college (medical, social services, non-profits, etc.
6. Free trade schools leading to jobs in trades
7. Payroll support and Tax credits for employers to provide on the job training that leads to permanent employment of people with incomes under 30% of median /or 200% of poverty whichever is greater.
8. Civil Rights Protection Enforcement
9. Voting Rights- Pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act
10. Hate Crimes- include homelessness in list vulnerable victims
11. Criminalization of homelessness ends
12. Fair Housing 2015 regulations restored and enhanced
13. Data privacy-

1. HMIS and Coordinated Entry- Limited data set, no specific health care info

2 .Data mining- Limit use all criminal/credit/ rental records in determining eligibility for rental housing

1. Immigration reform and pathways to being legally documented and citizenship. DACA