



Housing First & Faith-Based Organizations

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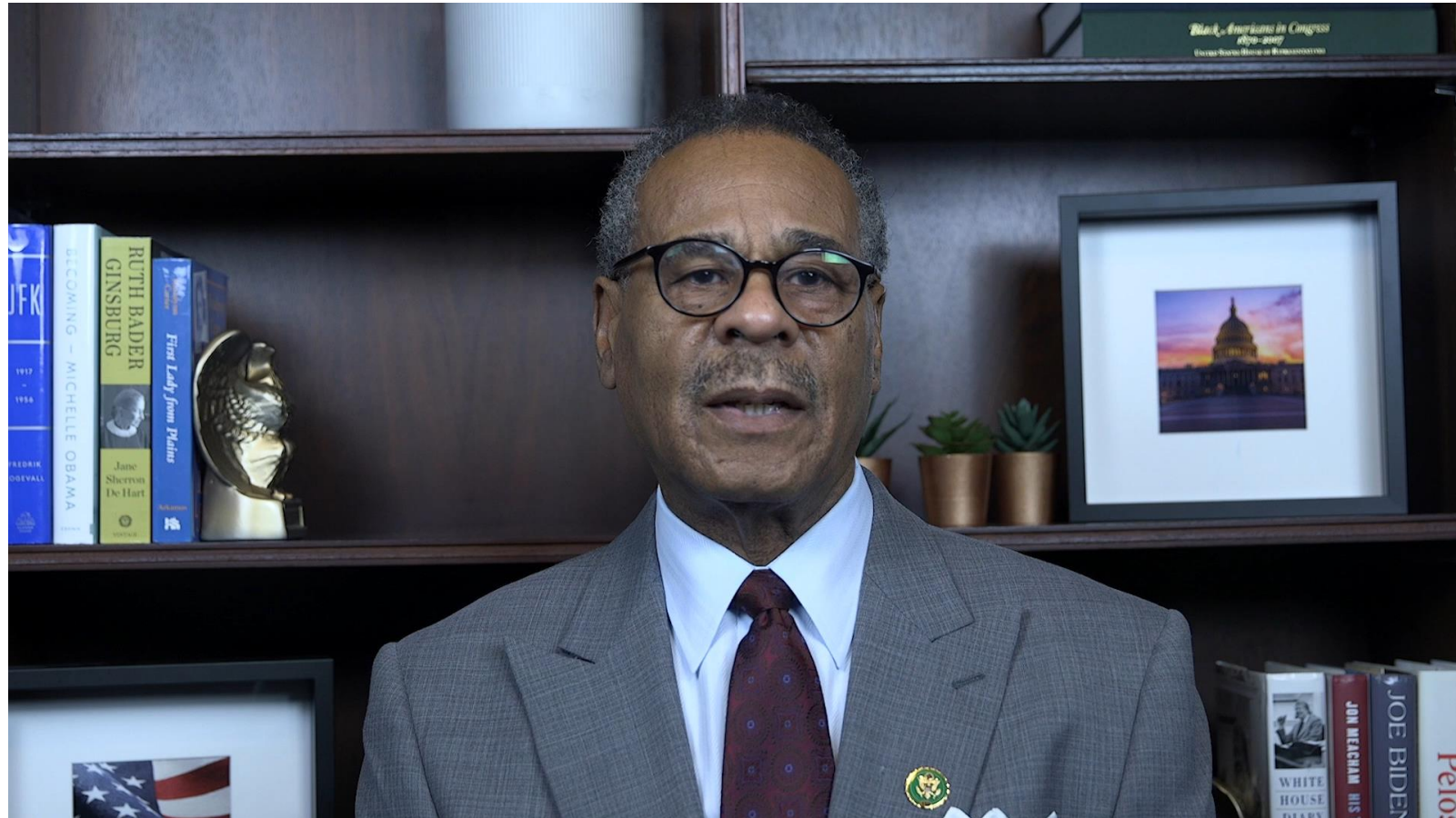
Ranking Member

*House Financial Services Subcommittee on
Housing and Insurance*

U.S. House of Representatives



Guest Speaker



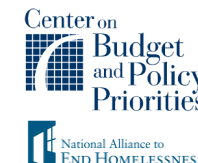
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Miriam's Kitchen: Ending Chronic Homelessness in DC



862 F. Supp. 538 (1994)

WESTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. John W. Wimberly, Jr., and Susan Stirling Farr, Plaintiffs,

v.

The BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT OF the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, et al., Defendants.

Civ. A. No. 94-0749.

United States District Court, District of Columbia.

September 8, 1994.

Engaging faith leaders in advocacy



Ending Chronic Homelessness in DC

Dear Mayor Bowser,

We, the undersigned, represent a diverse coalition of faith communities who worship in the District of Columbia and who are united in our commitment to ending chronic homelessness. We applaud your historic leadership to end homelessness in our city – and we urge you to continue to invest in housing our most vulnerable residents. We are making great progress.

For us- ending chronic homelessness is an urgent and moral issue. Our faith tells us that serving the city's most vulnerable is a central tenet. Individuals experiencing chronic homelessness have been homeless repeatedly or for years and struggle with long-term disabilities. For this population, housing doesn't just provide dignity and stability; it saves lives. Ending chronic homelessness is also a matter of racial justice, for we know that a disproportionate amount of our homeless neighbors are people of color. Over 30 members of DC's homeless community died in 2016. This is unacceptable. We cannot ignore that there is work to be done. As you said, "A city as prosperous as ours should and must solve the problem of homelessness." We agree completely.



A Jewish case for Housing First

Deuteronomy 15:8-10

If, however, there is a needy person among you, do not harden your heart and shut your hand against the needy. Rather, you must open your hand and lend him sufficient for whatever they need...Give to them readily and have no regrets when you do so, for in return the God will bless you in all your efforts and in all your undertakings.

How much do we give to a poor person – whatever the poor person is lacking. How so? If the poor person is hungry, then we feed him. If he lacks proper clothing, then we clothe him. If he lacks household utensils then we purchase them for him. And even if he was formerly wealthy and was accustomed to ride on a horse with a slave running before him, and then his fortune changed and he became impoverished, we should (if possible) obtain for him a horse and a servant.

Similarly, in each individual situation we must try to provide the person with what he specifically needs. One who is accustomed to eating bread receives bread. If one is used to baking his own dough, we supply him with dough. If one is used to sleeping in a bed, we supply him with a bed. If one is accustomed to eating warm bread from the oven, we supply him with such bread. One who is accustomed to cold bread receives cold bread. If one needs to be spoon fed, so he is spoon fed. If a poor person is single, and he wishes to marry, we must help marry him off. But first we help him rent a home with proper bedroom furniture, and necessary utensils, and then we marry him off.



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Discussion and Q&A

Take Action

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Take Action

- [Sign on to NAEH's statement of values](#) opposing the criminalization of homelessness.
- [NAEH Take Action](#): Tell your members of Congress to increase homelessness funding in FY 2024!
- [Use NLIHC's advocacy toolkit](#), "Oppose Dramatic Cuts to Federal Investments in Affordable Housing," for talking points, sample social media messages, and ideas about other ways to get involved!
- [Sign your organization on to the Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding's \(CHCDF\) annual budget letter.](#)

Closing Remarks

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