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Postsecondary Attainment Through Housing Supports Demonstration Act

A degree is one of the surest paths to a stable job and economic security. Yet roughly 1 in 7 college students nationwide experienced homelessness between 2023 and 2024, and nearly half faced housing insecurity. That is why Congresswoman Dexter has developed legislation to build on proven community models that pair stable housing with wraparound support. This legislation would create a new federal demonstration program to help students experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness stay enrolled in and complete postsecondary education.

Creates a Federal Student Housing Demonstration Program

- Directs the Department of Education, in consultation with HUD, to award competitive grants to nonprofit housing providers partnered with colleges, including community colleges;
- Provides grants of up to $2 million over 5 years; and
- Ensures grant funds supplement, not replace, existing housing and education dollars.

Puts Stable Housing First

- Supports acquiring, rehabilitating, or repurposing existing units;
- Pairs housing with case management, tutoring, mental and behavioral healthcare, childcare, transportation, and career services; and
- Prioritizes former foster youth, transition-aged youth, and parenting students.

Endorsed By: SchoolHouse Connection, Center for Higher Education Policy and Practice at SNHU, Corporation for Supportive Housing, Fostering Academic Achievement Nationwide, The Hope Center for Student Basic Needs, Just Strategy, National Network for Youth, New America Higher Education Policy Program, Today's Students Coalition, Trellis Strategies, Youth Villages, Achieve Atlanta, College Housing Northwest, Communities for Our Colleges (WA), CUNY Rising Alliance, Detroit College Access Network, Educate Tomorrow (Florida), New Mexico Basic Needs Consortium, Washington Postsecondary Basic Needs Coalition

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