



Help Prevent & Reduce Homelessness Statewide:

Appropriate \$100 million for Home Stability Support (HSS) in the Final Budget
S.2375 Krueger/A.1620 Hevesi

The UAW supports inclusion of the Home Stability Support (HSS) program in the Assembly & Senate One-House budgets (S.2375 Krueger/A.1620 Hevesi). Our members who work at legal services organizations throughout the State see the financial and human costs of homelessness in the communities we serve every day. HSS is an essential component to addressing the homelessness crisis in an effective, financially responsible manner.

HSS is designed to prevent and reduce homelessness statewide: HSS is a statewide rental supplement for public assistance-eligible families and individuals facing eviction, currently homeless, or facing loss of housing due to domestic violence or hazardous living conditions. The supplement helps low-income families stay in apartments and homes. By giving people the ability to afford their homes, HSS prevents and reduces homelessness.

Reducing homelessness is good for families and our communities: Keeping families in their homes is the best way to mitigate the extensive social costs of homelessness and the negative impact it has on an individual's education, health and employment. By keeping thousands of at-risk people in their homes, HSS will alleviate the unsustainable financial burden currently that shelters and other stopgap measures place on the taxpayers of New York State.

New York State cannot afford to miss the opportunity to address homelessness: Amidst the worst homeless crisis since the Great Depression, NYS has a unique opportunity to enact a fiscally-responsible approach to combatting homelessness that reduces public assistance costs while keeping families in their homes.

The UAW urges the Assembly and Senate to appropriate \$100 million for Home Stability Support (S.2375 Krueger/A.1620 Hevesi) in the final enacted budget.

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