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## **Steineke Continues to Raise Homelessness Awareness**

MADISON – On any given night, there are over 4,500 people in Wisconsin without a place to call home. Homelessness is an issue that affects every corner of the state, with 22,087 homeless people receiving services in 2018. With winter just around the corner, the need for continued leadership on homelessness initiatives is critical. Since 2016, Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) has been that resounding voice.

Over the course of the last three years, Rep. Steineke has not only authored crucial legislation giving Wisconsin [the structure](#) and [resources](#) it needs to effectively combat homelessness, but he has also served as a staunch advocate, ready to shine a light on the issue. Just last week, Rep. Steineke joined Assembly colleagues in [proclaiming October 10<sup>th</sup> as World Homeless Day](#).

“When I began getting involved in this issue and meeting people who are receiving homelessness services, it really clicked for me that these are people who want to be independent, they just need a hand to get there,” said Rep. Steineke. “Finding ways that we can utilize our resources to make the biggest difference for those in need has been both a challenging and rewarding part of this process.”

Rep. Steineke and Assembly Republican colleagues introduced eight pieces of legislation this spring to continue the conversation on homelessness following the success of the 2017-18 legislative session’s initiatives. The bills, coined the “A Hand for the Homeless” package, mimic the recommendations made by the Interagency Council on Homelessness – a body that [Rep. Steineke’s bill created](#). After the Assembly approved the “A Hand for the Homeless” measures in June, Rep. Steineke has been working closely with the state Senate to have the bills heard on the Senate floor.

Beyond legislative avenues, Rep. Steineke has been a strong proponent of increasing visibility of those without a home. Having sponsored numerous legislative tours and roundtables to connect with those experiencing homelessness, and attended several symposiums and meetings aimed at furthering the conversation, Rep. Steineke has emerged as the go-to of Wisconsin lawmakers for homelessness issues.

“Just a few years ago, homelessness was not on anyone’s radar, Republican or Democrat,” continued Rep. Steineke. “I am incredibly proud that our work has created a bipartisan wave of support, allowing us to really hone in on the best ways we can help those in need find a place to call home.”

This week, in conjunction with Homelessness Awareness Week, [newspapers across the state ran articles highlighting the fight to end homelessness](#) to continue the issue’s momentum, featuring comments and insights from Rep. Steineke. Additionally, Rep. Steineke’s legislative website [unveiled a new page dedicated to the homelessness effort](#) in an effort to further direct attention to the issue.

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