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Homelessness Bill Heads to Governor Evers' Desk

MADISON – Today, the Senate approved Assembly Bill 119, a cornerstone in the Republicanlead "A Hand for the Homeless" legislative package, unanimously. With support from both the Assembly and Senate, the bill now heads to Governor Evers' desk to be signed into law.

Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke, the author of the bill, released the following statement regarding its passage:

"This legislation is an incredibly important piece of the puzzle when it comes to addressing homelessness in our state. Having used the recommendations from the bipartisan Interagency Council on Homelessness' statewide action plan to create this bill, I am confident that it will take a crucial step in helping some of our state's most vulnerable get back on their feet with a roof over their heads.

"While I'm proud to see this bill head to the Governor's desk to be signed into law, I know that our fight to end homelessness has still just begun. Attacking the issue from the many angles laid out in our 'A Hand for the Homeless' package will provide a more comprehensive approach to ending homelessness in Wisconsin.

"Thank you to my legislative colleagues for supporting the need for both revamped policy and resources surrounding homelessness. I will continue working with my Senate colleagues to deliver our full package of legislation to the governor's desk."

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