

House Bill 0577

I am not opposed to any State regulations that assist our “Homeless Population.”

I am opposed to the State making House Bills without taking all counties into consideration. I am sure that most of the people putting this bill forward have never visited the “shelters” on the mid – shore.

If you have never visited nor toured any of the “shelters” in the mid-shore area, you do not know the impact such a bill will have on these places people just like you and me call “home”.

Talbot Interfaith Shelter has operated for 15 years without government funding. They have made promises to the people of Talbot County and have kept those promises. The two houses they operate as “homeless shelters” are in the historic district, they provide a safe environment for families, single men, and women without the fear of drugs, alcohol, and violent offenders around their children. Passing this bill as written will not allow the “shelters” to continue providing a safe environment.

We do understand everyone needs to have a safe place to sleep and get food, but I feel that housing active drug, alcohol, and violent offenders in the same place we call a “safe haven” is not in the best interest for all of those we serve.

This bill going forward will impact those we serve in an adverse way.

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