

HOUSING NOT HANDCUFFS

FOR INDIVIDUALS

NO Federal Funding for Homeless Detention Camps

Utah's Governor wants to take money away from housing to fund a 1,300-bed, government-run detention camp for homeless people. This plan includes forcing homeless people to the remote site and even holding them against their will. At no time in human history has forcing people into camps been a good thing, and this is no different. We need your help to make sure history does not repeat itself.

Utah's plan relies on money from the federal government. We're demanding that the federal government fund proven solutions to homelessness, such as housing and social services, not detention camps that punish people who cannot afford rent – not in Utah and not anywhere.

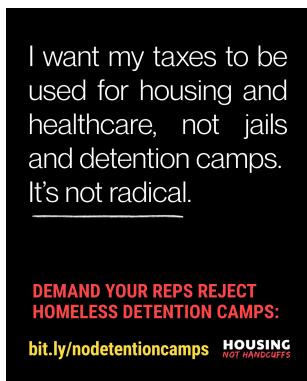
Here is how you can take action right now.:

1. Contact your representatives to let them know you oppose federal funding for detention camps at <https://bit.ly/nodetentioncamps>.
2. Use this toolkit to spread the word to your friends and networks. Together, we can increase awareness of this backwards plan and fight for a future where everybody has the housing and support they need.
3. Sign on to endorse the Housing Not Handcuffs Campaign at <https://housingnothandcuffs.org/join/>.

If you have any questions or need additional support, please contact Jesse at the National Homelessness Law Center at jrabinowitz@homelesslaw.org.

SAMPLE SOCIAL MEDIA GRAPHICS

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SAMPLE SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

- Inspired by Trump, Utah is trying to build a massive homeless detention camp. I'm telling my representatives that I want my taxes used for housing and healthcare, not jails and detention camps. It's not radical. Take action to stop Utah's proposed plans: <https://bit.ly/nodetentioncamps>
- We shouldn't have to say out loud that throwing people in detention camps is never okay, but that's what Utah and Trump are trying to do. We can still stop Utah's proposed homeless detention camp. Take action today: <https://bit.ly/nodetentioncamps>
- The rent is too damn high. Utah's solution, inspired by Trump, is to force 1,300 homeless people into a government-run detention camp. We've seen this before and we can't let it happen again. Urge your reps to reject any federal funding for homeless detention camps: <https://bit.ly/nodetentioncamps>
- Everybody needs a safe place to live. But instead of focusing on proven solutions to homelessness, like housing and healthcare, Utah is proposing taking money away from programs that solve homelessness to build a massive, remote, government-run detention camp. This is an awful turning point in how our country treats people who can't afford rent. Urge your reps to reject federal funding for homeless detention camps: <https://bit.ly/nodetentioncamps>
- Utah wants to take funding away from programs that solve homelessness and instead build a massive, government-run, taxpayer-funded detention camp. This is an inhumane and expensive approach that will not solve homelessness—it will only make it worse. The compassionate solution to homelessness is housing and supportive services—not handcuffs and detention camps. Take action to help stop Utah's cruel plans: <https://bit.ly/nodetentioncamps>

DRAFT EMAIL

Dear [Name]/Friends,

We have an opportunity to stop a really bad thing from happening in Utah and around the country.

Right now, Utah's Governor is trying to build a massive, remote, government-run detention camp for homeless people. The detention camp will have space for 1,300 beds, more than half of which will be used for forced treatment. This plan, inspired by Trump's agenda, is a scary turning point in how our country treats people who can't afford their rent.

Utah's plan relies on money from the federal government. That means the camp will not only come at a steep cost to Utah residents, but it will also be funded by taxpayers around the country – like us. I reached out to my representatives today to let them know I want my tax dollars to be used for housing and supportive services, not locking up people who have no choice but to sleep outside. I hope you'll join me in taking action at <https://bit.ly/nodetentioncamps>.