

Good afternoon,

My name is Willow, and I'm a resident of Providence. Many of my neighbors are unhoused/homeless. As the climate crisis continues to exacerbate unpredictable weather, the housing crisis continues to rob people of their rights to a safe home, and stagnant wages continue to push more and more people below the poverty line, it is crucial that any and all necessary steps are taken to keep our community members safe and warm. That is why I urge you to support house bill #5100, a.k.a. the SAVE Units Act. While Echo village is not permanent housing, it is a non-negotiable first step to help keep our community safe. Please do not let people continue to freeze and in some cases, die, on our streets when these temporary shelters are built and unoccupied. Please do everything within your power to build more, to provide and build permanent free and affordable homes, to make sure everyone has access to shelter.

Thank you,

Willow Giannotti