

Saving Veterans with Tax Overpayments?



What is H.R. 9288?

The Homeless Veterans Assistance Fund Act of 2022 would create a financial reserve to provide financial help to U.S. Armed Forces veterans living unhoused or in homeless shelters. This would be funded through U.S. citizens donating part of their income tax overpayment when filing their federal taxes each year.

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development¹ in 2020 nearly 40,000 veterans were homeless, with 40% of them unsheltered on any given night. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs reports that the same survey in 2022 shows an 11% reduction in that number in the last two years, thanks in part to \$481 million in Federal funding.²

Pros

- This bill would provide another avenue to fund efforts to reduce veteran homelessness throughout the U.S.
- Successful allocation of these funds and housing efforts for veterans will reduce the need for funding in future years.



Cons

- Relying on taxpayer donations creates an inconsistent funding source.

Recommendation

We ask you to vote YES on H.R. 9288, and help us give all our military veterans a home.

¹ U. S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. (2020). *2020 AHAR: Part 1 - PIT Estimates of Homelessness in the U.S.* <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/2020-AHAR-Part-1.pdf>

² U. S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs. (2022). *New data shows 11% decline in Veteran homelessness since 2020 – the biggest drop in more than 5 years.* <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5836>