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FACTS SHEET:

COST BENEFITS OF TAKING POLICY ACTION AS IT MIGHT RELATE TO THE PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS IN DC

DC has more than 12,000 disconnected youth, **over 3,000 of which are homeless.**

DC's disconnected youth population **costs taxpayers \$167M and society \$449M every year**, and costs an average annual taxpayer \$13,900.

To house a youth overnight is \$80-160 in emergency shelter, \$80-110 in transitional individual or family housing, and less than \$60 in a host home.... These costs pale against **\$1,000 overnight in a psych hospital, \$240 in detention, and \$165 in foster care.**

The gap between rich and poor in the District is the **third highest** among the nation's largest cities, just behind Atlanta and Boston.

To meet the housing needs which average \$95/night for every DC homeless youth for one year—which already overestimates the demand—**we easily would save DC a total tax and social burden of \$50M.** This cost to fully-implement Year One of this strategy is only \$10M dollars.

Extent of Child Homelessness

Homeless Children in 2010: 4,309

Homeless Children: 2007 to 2010

