JOHNSON V. GRANTS PASS RULING

The groundbreaking decision that criminalized homelessness.



THE SUPREME COURT RULING IN FAVOR OF GRANTS PASS

On June 28th, the Supreme Court ruled that it is a criminal offense to sleep outdoors. The Supreme Court's 6-3 ruling authored by Justice Neil Gorsuch allows cities to now enforce anti-camping ordinances even when individuals experiencing homelessness have nowhere else to go. The court claims that this does not violate the Eighth Amendment's limitation on cruel and unusual punishment.

Authorities who support the criminalization of homelessness will soon realize that it will not alter or help the reality of experiencing homelessness. In addition to making an experience with homelessness worse and further marginalizing vulnerable individuals, criminal consequences like fines, citations, and arrests costs, adds up to a significant amount of community dollars that could have been used for outreach programs, social services, and housing. If the court would have ruled in favor of Johnson, states and cities could have concentrated on providing those experiencing homelessness with proper resources - which is the real solution to homelessness.

WHAT CONGRESS CAN DO:

- **Fund additional rental assistance and increase availability of affordable housing**
- **Fund repairs and maintenance of public housing**
- **Fund supportive and emergency aid as well as eviction and homelessness prevention**
- **Pass laws that prevents punishing homelessness and restores protection of those expereincing homelessness**

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- **Join in a network of advocates by signing up to receive advocacy alerts at bit.ly/3Y2qPYY**
- **Visit bit.ly/3W50W8j to reach out to your legislators and stand up for solutions to end homelessness**

Sources: https://endhomelessness.org/blog/the-supreme-court-rules-on-homelessness-what-it-all-means/
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