STOP MO HOUSE BILL 1606

WE need to hear from YOU

At the start of this year, MO House Bill 1606 went into effect. This bill criminalizes "unauthorized sleeping" on state lands.
Empower Missouri is seeking you, your community, and your client's stories of how this unjust law has affected the unhoused population in your community.
We will be sharing this information with lawmakers and the press as appropriate in an effort to get the criminalization piece of the legislation repealed.
Use this social media guide to share on your platforms.

1. The Survey

Complete the survey from Empower Missouri about you or your client's experience with law enforcement as a result of House Bill 1606.

2. Share it Out

Use these template images prepared by our communication team, feel free to make copies, edit and change colors for your branding purposes. Get this survey far and wide to help us gain testimonies of the harm that is being done.

3. Inform with Hashtags

Help generate statewide awareness and consistency by utilizing one or a combination of the following hashtags:
#homelessness
#advocate
#homelessnessisnotacrime
#endMOHB1606

4. Consider Privacy

Do not post images, personal information, living location or other identifying information of participants. The privacy and respect of those being surveyed is top priority.

5. Captions

Use these captions (or variations) for your social media posts:

Share your story! Have you had an unjust interaction with law enforcement as a result of HB 1606? Tell Empower Missouri here. #endMOHB1606

[Our Agency] is working with Empower Missouri to inform lawmakers of the negative impacts of the criminalization of homelessness. Share your experience now! #homelessness #advocate #homelessnessisnotacrime

We thank you for helping us work to end this cruel and unjust law, H.B. 1606. There are many alternatives to criminalization which preserve the dignity and of our neighbors outdoors We are having conversations urging lawmakers to pursue alternatives. Let us know how HB 1606 has impacted you, your community and more in this survey. #homelessness #advocate #homelessnessisnotacrime #endMOHB1606

