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Governor Signs Historic Homeless Bill

Chicago, Ill. – Today the Supportive Housing Providers Association (SHPA) celebrates the signing of HB2831 by Governor J.B. Pritzker. Governor Pritzker was joined by SHPA Executive Director David Esposito along with other supportive housing advocates at Featherfist in Chicago where he signed HB2831 into law. With a bipartisan support in the house and senate HB2831 builds on an executive order from Gov. J.B. Pritzker in Sept. 2021 that created – within the Department of Human Services (DHS) – the Illinois Interagency Task Force on Homelessness, as well as the Community Advisory Council on Homelessness. These commissions have been overseen by a “State Homelessness Chief.”

HB 2831 builds upon Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order creating the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and reflect the legislature’s commitment in addressing the big picture issues of homelessness, institutionalization, and housing instability in Illinois

. “It was a great honor to join Governor Pritzker as he signed this bill into law making what was once only a dream now become a reality., said David Esposito, Executive Director, SHPA “It has been an amazing journey along with SHPA’s partner organizations and to partner with bill sponsors Senator Johnson and Representative LaPointe as we transform Illinois’ response to homelessness.” said Esposito

The establishment of the Illinois Interagency Task Force on Homelessness was a critical first step to tackling the big picture issues of homelessness, institutionalization, and housing instability. This work started many years ago and was achieved by the unwavering commitment and determination of SHPA’s board, members, and supporters.

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