

## **1. Homelessness**

We do have an issue with homelessness throughout our state and our country. But to focus and try to decrease the homelessness population we would first have to work together in a bipartisan effort in creating policy and legislation to combat the homelessness crisis.

### **Expanding Affordable Housing**

provide stable housing without preconditions, then offer services like mental health care, addiction recovery, and job training. This approach has been proven to reduce homelessness effectively.

### **Offer Supportive Services**

Mental Health and Addiction Services and also provide programs that provide job training, career counseling, and employment support tailored to people facing homelessness can help them achieve financial independence.

### **Address The Systemic Issue**

That relates to homelessness by first raising minimum wages and criminal justice reforms.

## **2. Housing Challenges in Rural Ohio**

We will have to advocate for developer to invest in rural communities, by advocating for affordable housing, expanding housing vouchers to rural communities, and expand transportation to those area given them the opportunity to access resources available for each individual to help them remain stable.

## **3. Ohio Housing Trust Fund**

Prioritizing the Ohio Housing Trust Fund (OHTF) in the state budget would actually show that we're serious about tackling this crisis instead of just paying it lip service. It's about time our lawmakers recognized housing as a fundamental need—just like food, water, and healthcare. If we can make a big deal out of funding for roads and bridges, why not do the same for people's homes?