

A Resolution to Allow Felons Equal Housing Opportunities

WHEREAS, Those who have criminal records face discrimination and difficulty when attempting to secure adequate housing; **and**

WHEREAS, One in four Americans have a criminal record, those records can include arrests that never led to convictions, as well as convictions for a wide range of crimes, ranging from petty to serious; **and**

WHEREAS, These individuals are denied equal housing opportunities even if they have adhered to all laws, restrictions, and/or parole guidelines following their release; **and**

WHEREAS, This discrimination disproportionately affects African Americans and Hispanics, as African-American men are imprisoned at a rate nearly six times that of white men, and Hispanic men at more than twice the rate of white men; **and**

WHEREAS, Almost 10% of those who have been incarcerated experience homelessness due to discrimination; **and**

WHEREAS, There aren't substantial legislative precautions to ensure that those with criminal records are given equal opportunities in housing; **now, therefore, be it**

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that. New regulations be created and enforced to ensure that discrimination does not deprive those with criminal records of adequate housing.

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