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## **Statement from Housing Network of Rhode Island Executive Director Melina Lodge on the State of Homelessness**

WARWICK, RI – “As winter has set in and temperatures drop to life-threatening levels, advocates have rightfully sounded the alarm about the state of homelessness in Rhode Island, calling on Governor McKee to take additional action. Currently, there are more than 650 people waiting for shelter, with typically fewer than seven openings each day,” said Housing Network of Rhode Island executive director Melina Lodge.

“There is a human cost that needs to be accounted for when we fail to act with urgency and expediency under dire circumstances. A timely and humane response to the basic needs of Rhode Islanders in crisis is a core charge of government, and one that should not be overlooked. Every day that state leaders delay meaningful and swift action to provide people-centered solutions is another day that our unhoused neighbors unfairly and unjustly suffer the life or death consequences of that inaction.”

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The Housing Network of Rhode Island (HNRI) is a membership organization made up of 19 community development corporations and affordable housing developers. Together, our members are dedicated to building affordable housing and strengthening communities across the state.

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