

STATEMENT

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Statement on Proposed Changes to HUD's Equal Access Rule

May 23, 2019 (Washington, D.C.) – The National Alliance to End Homelessness is firmly opposed to the Trump Administration's proposed changes to the Equal Access Rule.

In the face of rising homelessness rates in communities all over the country, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) should target its efforts to help the nation's most at-risk people, instead of targeting them for exclusion. Transgender people experiencing homelessness represent a particularly vulnerable population, with recent research indicating that more than half (56 percent) are unsheltered.

The National Alliance to End Homelessness calls on HUD to immediately abandon this proposed change, and re-commit itself to its critically important mission.

This statement is attributable to the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

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About the National Alliance to End Homelessness The National Alliance to End Homelessness is a nonprofit, non-partisan, organization committed to preventing and ending homelessness in the United States. As a leading voice on the issue of homelessness, the Alliance analyzes policy and develops pragmatic, cost-effective policy solutions; works collaboratively with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to build state and local capacity; and provides data and research to policymakers and elected officials in order to inform policy debates and educate the public and opinion leaders nationwide. <u>www.EndHomelessness.org</u>