

Housing Not Handcuffs

The Supreme Court of the United States will begin hearing arguments at 11am EST (8 am PST) on April 22. A rally will take place at the Supreme Court in Washington D.C.

Can't make it to D.C.? Join us at our Tacoma Rally.

Monday, April 22nd
8-10 AM

Federal Court House
Union Station 1717 Pacific Avenue
Tacoma, WA 98402
Bring signs if you have them

"Grants Pass v. Johnson sets the stage for the most significant Supreme Court case about the rights of homeless people in decades. At its core, this case will decide whether cities are allowed to punish people for things like sleeping outside with a pillow or blanket, even when there are no safe shelter options."

~ National Homelessness Law Center

Here in Pierce County, neither the low housing supply nor any other condition that contributes to homelessness will be solved by putting more people in jail or imposing fines on our poorest citizens. The solution to homelessness is attainable housing for everyone.



Timeline

April 22nd: Oral arguments and in-person rally at the Supreme Court and at local federal buildings.

June 30th: End of court term. A decision will be made by this date.

Learn more about the Supreme Court case here: <https://johnsonvgrantspass.com>

Join the Twitter Storm

<https://community.solutions/events/2024/04/johnson-v-grants-pass-twitter-storm>

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So, what federal action would actually help?

This page is from the Grants Pass v. Johnson advocacy [toolkit](#) developed by the National Low Income Housing Coalition, National Homelessness Law Center, the National Coalition For The Homeless, and the National Alliance To End Homelessness.

Robust Funding

- Urge Congress not to slash funding for affordable housing and homelessness, and instead to work together to ensure these vital programs receive the highest allocation of funds possible in fiscal year 2025. <https://p2a.co/2xztqvh>
- Federal housing investments reduce homelessness and housing instability and support thriving communities. Sign the national letter urging Congress to invest in affordable housing, homelessness, & community development programs in fiscal year 2025. <https://p2a.co/nliqghj>
- No one should be forced to make impossible choices between paying rent and putting food on the table or making ends meet. Tell Congress to expand – not slash – federal investments in affordable housing in FY25 to help more people afford a roof over their head. <https://nlihc.org/take-action>

Ending Homelessness Act

- We can end homelessness if we act with urgency & invest in what works. The #EndingHomelessnessAct ensures universal rental assistance for every eligible household & includes other key measures to help end homelessness. Learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/2dnk2usr>
- Congress should enact the #EndingHomelessnessAct to create universal rental assistance and 400,000+ new rental homes for people experiencing homelessness to effectively end homelessness! Learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/2dnk2usr>

Housing Crisis Response Act

- Enact the #HousingCrisisResponseAct now! The bill would represent the single largest investment in affordable housing in our nation's history, creating nearly 1.4 million affordable & accessible homes, & helping nearly 300,000 households afford their rent. <https://tinyurl.com/yrub556p>
- The #HousingCrisisResponseAct would address our nation's affordable housing crisis by providing over \$150 billion in critical investments to increase housing supply, decrease housing costs, and end homelessness. Learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/yrub556p>

Eviction Crisis Act

- Families living in poverty spend over half their incomes on rent, leaving no room for unexpected expenses. The #EvictionCrisisAct can provide a safety net, closing gaps & preventing households from spiraling into eviction & homelessness. <https://tinyurl.com/34pzcz3e>
- Congress should enact the #EvictionCrisisAct now! Let's learn from pandemic ERA programs to create a permanent program to stabilize families before they face eviction, displacement, or homelessness. <https://tinyurl.com/34pzcz3e>
- Millions are on the brink of eviction & homelessness, with people of color disproportionately affected. Congress should enact the #EvictionCrisisAct to prevent eviction and homelessness & reshape the housing landscape for a more equitable future!
<https://tinyurl.com/34pzcz3e>