



RPNM Chairman Steve Pearce Responds to Recent State Homelessness Report

Albuquerque, May 26 — This week, a spot count report commissioned by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) shows a significant [uptick](#) in homelessness within New Mexico.

Republican Party of New Mexico Chairman and former Congressman Steve Pearce issued the following statement:

*"This latest report shows that the current administration's investments have worsened homelessness in New Mexico by 48% in just one year. Once again, the Democrats' plan is to throw money at a broken system and hope it clears everything up. The root of the growing homelessness crisis in our state is still not being addressed. Substance abuse, mental health, and a lack of economic opportunity are at the heart of this crisis. Instead of trying to get these people back on their feet, get them the help they need, and give them opportunities to succeed financially, Democrats this past legislative session wanted to **hand out** syringes and drug paraphernalia to our homeless community. Democrats have held a majority in the New Mexico legislature for ninety+ years, but our state continues to rank at the bottom, and our citizens continue to pay the price. It is truly time for a change."*