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## TALKING POINTS

### HOMELESSNESS

The President proposed a forceful response to the tragedy of men, women, and children living without homes with a request not only for full funding of the McKinney Act, but for a new \$50 million matching program.

1. The President's budget request fulfills his pledge to fully fund the McKinney Act.
2. The programs supported through the McKinney Act address the needs of several different groups of homeless including:
  - o the mentally ill
  - o alcohol and drug abusers
  - o unemployed individuals
  - o families with children
3. Beyond McKinney, an incremental \$50 million is requested for a new matching program, in partnership with state and local agencies and not-for-profit and volunteer organizations.

The program will address the many facets of the homelessness problem, responding to the most promising local solutions for local problems.

4. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Jack Kemp will -- working with states, localities, non-profit organizations, and volunteers -- develop new ideas and new approaches and lead an energetic effort to combat homelessness.

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