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**Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Builds on Movement for Housing Justice in Nevada**

LAS VEGAS -- On Wednesday, September 25th Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez introduced sweeping legislation to address economic inequality. The package, called "A Just Society," includes six bills that: provide housing justice for renters, update the definition of the federal poverty line, expand the social safety net to people who have been involved in the criminal legal system and immigrants, give preference to federal contractors who use just labor standards, and promote fair and just labor rights.

The legislation proposed comes on the same day as Mayor Carolyn G. Goodman drafted a new ordinance that criminalizes homelessness in Las Vegas. If approved the new ordinance will make it a misdemeanor to sleep on the public right of way and people can get fined up to one thousand dollars or 6 months in jail.

Make the Road Nevada (MRNV) and its members will continue to engage with local officials to ensure that we create laws that protect tenants, the homeless and address the housing crisis.

The bill package Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez presented includes a housing proposal that would make a difference for thousands of families in Nevada who are housing insecure.

" Many people on the street are disabled and don't seem to be getting their money quick enough. If the government would increase the money for housing and other needs there wouldn't be too many people on our streets. We need the government to build a facility for the homeless, one where they feel safe ". said Diana Diaz, Make the Road NV member.

" Over the next 10 years, the government should invest \$800 billion in the development and rehabilitation of deeply affordable and public housing. Communities that have a high concentration of residents who are severely rent-burdened should be served first ". said Lalo Montoya, Political director for MRNV

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