



June 23, 2026

The Honorable John Barrasso
United States Senate
307 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for the Point-in-Time Count Modernization Act

Dear Senator Barrasso:

On behalf of the Board of Community Action Partnership of Natrona County (CAPNC), I write to convey our formal support for the Point-in-Time Count Modernization Act. At its meeting on June 23 2026, our Board adopted a resolution endorsing the legislation and authorizing this letter. We are grateful to you and to Senator Lummis for advancing a bill that speaks directly to the realities of counting homelessness in a rural state.

CAPNC conducts the annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count for Natrona and Converse Counties as a participating member of the Wyoming Balance of State Continuum of Care. We have seen firsthand how a single January count fails to capture the fluid, often hidden nature of homelessness across Wyoming's long distances and severe winters—people doubled up with family, staying in budget motels, or sheltering in vehicles. Our 2026 count recorded 262 individuals and a 57 percent increase over the prior year, and we know that even those figures understate the true need.

The reforms in this bill would make a meaningful difference for agencies like ours. Moving the annual count to the last ten days of April produces a more weather-neutral, accurate picture. Standardized HMIS reporting and midpoint data collection give us year-round visibility into seasonal trends to strengthen planning. Most importantly for a rural, resource-limited provider, the bill's requirement that HUD furnish dedicated training, guidance, and funding flexibility for HMIS integration delivers real support rather than another unfunded mandate. Together with the directed GAO study to standardize methodology nationwide, these provisions promise more consistent and defensible data—and, with it, more equitable federal funding for Wyoming.

CAPNC stands ready to serve as a resource as this legislation moves forward, including offering our practitioner experience with PIT methodology and rural HMIS implementation. Thank you for your leadership on behalf of Wyoming's communities.

Respectfully,

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