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To: National Homelessness Law Center — Attention Ms. Kulsoom K. Ijaz

Via: info@homelesslaw.org

Subject: The U.S. Universal Periodic Review record — a procedural request before 10 November

Attachments: Letter to the Office of the High Commissioner (stakeholder window); Letter to the President of the Human Rights Council (non-cooperation mandate)

Dear Ms. Ijaz and colleagues,

The Law Center's pre-session presentation and statement on the criminalization of poverty were before delegations in August 2025. Since then, Grants Pass has continued to reshape enforcement practice nationwide — and yet the review of the United States, now set for 10 November 2026, will proceed on the record as it stood when you filed. No 2026 stakeholder window was opened for the United States; every other State at the session had one closing 10 April 2026.

We have written to OHCHR and to the President of the Human Rights Council asking that the window be reopened, or the basis for the restriction stated in writing. Both letters are attached.

Yours is among the strongest examples of why currency matters: the law your submission addresses has moved. Would the Law Center consider making the same request independently, so that the delegations reviewing the United States see the situation as it is in 2026 rather than as it was in 2025?

Respectfully,

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IAJ_Letter_OHCHR_Stakeholder_Window.pdf → <http://iaj.institute/publications/IAJ-COM-20260825-002-PUB.pdf>

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