

House approves legislation championed by Turner to support foster care youth

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The U.S. House of Representatives on Nov. 18 approved a bipartisan bill introduced by U.S. Rep. Mike Turner (R-OH) that would provide stable housing to America's foster care youth who have aged out of the system.

"I am thrilled to announce that this legislation, which I've been pushing for over three years now, has passed the House of Representatives without objection," Rep. Turner said on Tuesday. "This is a huge step forward in our fight to end federally created homelessness for our foster care youth, who all too often struggle to find safe, stable housing during the overnight transition from foster care to independent adulthood."

Rep. Turner on Sept. 12 cosponsored the Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Act of 2019, H.R. 4300, with bill sponsor U.S. Rep. Madeleine Dean (D-PA) to provide federal housing assistance on behalf of youth who are aging out of foster care, according to the text of the bill.

Among the 11 other cosponsors who joined Rep. Turner in supporting H.R. 4300 is his home-state colleague U.S. Rep. Steve Stivers (R-OH).

Following House passage of the measure this week, the U.S. Senate received H.R. 4300 on Nov. 19 and referred it for consideration to the U.S. Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee, which is already reviewing the same-named companion bill, S. 2803.

“I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Senate to ensure this bill becomes law and that aging out of foster care does not mean aging into homelessness,” said Rep. Turner.