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## SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE "NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN"

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To: Members of the Committee on Taxation From: Yvette McEwen Sleep in Heavenly Peace Re: Testimony in support of HB 2685

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a 501c-3 non-profit organization whose volunteers work to build and deliver handmade beds to children sleeping on the floor or in other uncomfortable situations.

Promoting sales tax exemption for non-profit organizations is a crucial step towards fostering a more supportive and sustainable community. Non-profits play a vital role in addressing societal needs, from child bedlessness, family and youth services, healthcare to education and environmental conservation. Granting them sales tax exemption allows these organizations to maximize their limited resources, directing funds towards their core missions rather than being burdened by unnecessary financial constraints. By alleviating the tax burden, states can empower non-profits to expand their impact and reach, ultimately benefiting the communities and families they serve. Sales tax exemption for non-profits is a strategic investment in the well-being of society, creating a more compassionate and thriving environment for all. It is an opportunity for states to actively support the organizations that work tirelessly for the betterment of their communities, increasing their positive influence and power for good.

Respectfully, Yvette McEwen, Chapter Support Center-Finance Program Manager Sleep in Heavenly Peace Pocatello, ID yvette.mcewen@shpbeds.org