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Charity boss welcomes homeless bill

A charity boss has welcomed the government's pledge to support the Homelessness Reduction Bill.

The bill that would force councils to tackle homelessness through early intervention passed its second reading in Parliament on Friday, with the government promising "full" support.

Chief executive of Canning Town's Caritas Anchor House, Keith Fernet, said it was the first step toward significant change.

"The bill has the ability to transform the way homeless people are supported in England," he said.

"However, the bill still has a long way to go until it can become law, and so it's vital that all MPs, groups and individuals who have backed the bill thus far to continue their support.

"We must also look at further solutions to tackle the alarming rise seen across the country. I urge the government to build more affordable and social housing."

