

A BILL TO PROHIBIT HOSTILE ARCHITECTURE IN PUBLIC SPACES TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All forms of hostile or anti-homeless architecture will be prohibited in a federally funded public space, including parks, sidewalks, bus stops, and transportation facilities.

SECTION 2. Hostile architecture refers to any design element intentionally created to deter people from sitting, resting, or sleeping in public areas. This includes but is not limited to:

- a. spikes, bars, or studs on flat surfaces;
- b. separated or curved benches designed to prevent lying down;
- c. excessively sloped surfaces intended to discourage use.

Public space refers to any area owned, maintained, or primarily funded by federal, state, or local government, including properties receiving federal redevelopment or grant funding.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in collaboration with the Department of Transportation, will enforce this legislation.

- a. HUD will conduct periodic inspections and require cities to certify compliance to qualify for federal housing or infrastructure funds.

SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect one year after passing, allowing municipalities time to redesign or remove existing hostile architecture.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,
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