



**Rep. Hastings (right) and Tom Morgan, Producer of "These Storied Streets"**

Today, I hosted a private film screening for Members and their staff of the documentary "These Storied Streets" by filmmaker Tom Morgan. The film addresses the gravely important issue of homelessness by portraying the courageous stories of people who are homeless, those who survived homelessness, and those who have committed their lives to ending homelessness across America. The screening was followed by a Q&A session with Tom Morgan and Neil Donovan, Executive Director of the National Coalition for the Homeless.

As a Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the Congressional Homelessness Caucus, I take the issue of homelessness and lack of affordable housing very seriously. This is why I, along with

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX), decided to hold a screening of "These Storied Streets" in our nation's capital. The film serves as a stark reminder to all those who serve in Congress of the work that we still must do to end homelessness.

Homelessness is one of the greatest challenges that we face as a nation. Its origins are entrenched in poverty and economic inequality. Nobody chooses homelessness over the comfort of a safe home. In fact, the top reason for homelessness in America today is the lack of affordable housing and an increase in poverty.

Tom did a fantastic job of challenging public perceptions about the homeless with his film. He portrays some familiar stories in the lives of the homeless while revealing new and unexpected ones. "These Storied Streets" confronts attitudes that lead to the dehumanization and invisibilization of America's most vulnerable citizens.

Furthermore, the film carries an important message that we all need to hear, and I wish Tom nothing but the best in carrying that message forward.