

From: "Plusquellec, Scott" <Scott.Plusquellec@leg.wa.gov>

Date: July 9, 2013 at 10:56:05 AM PDT

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE:

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for your email and for your continued activism on behalf of the folks at the tent city. I truly wish that there was something that our office could do to help out. Senator Murray has been a strong advocate on behalf of the homeless and disabled and has always worked to keep adequate funding for shelters and other resources in the state budget.

As I have mentioned to you before, we have no jurisdiction in this matter. This is a city issue, which, to my understanding, the city is handling by ordering the closure of Nickelsville, and spending \$500,000 to provide housing and treatment for its residents. I have looked through the state budget and also asked staff to research what, if any, state monies are directly funded to SHARE or the tent cities and there is no direct funding that we have found. Even if there were, any action taken with regarding to reassessing that funding would not be able to take place until the writing of the 2015 budget. Even then, there would be no guarantee that funding would be reassessed.

The help we can provide is to direct people to social service programs that can address or seek to address their needs. You have stated that those avenues are not options for the people you are working with. Since those are the options which I have to offer, I am not sure what else I can do to meet your needs. I am sorry that you feel that this office does not care. Nothing could be further from the truth. But we have to work within the system and laws that govern what we can and cannot do. The legislative system is painfully slow, and action can take years.

I am happy to continue a dialogue with you and look for ways that we might assist those in need through existing resources. But this office cannot step in as an enforcement agent. We simply don't have that power.

Sincerely,

Scott Plusquellec
Executive Legislative Aide
Senator Edward B. Murray
206-729-3200 (district office)
360-786-7628 (Olympia office)

SEE THE ORIGINAL E-MAIL TO ED MURRAY ON THE PAGE BELOW

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, July 07, 2013 10:23 AM

To: Plusquellec, Scott; Moscoso, Rep. Luis

Subject:

Thank you for no help. I met with minor homeless child yesterday. Thrown out of tent city. CPS would not intervene. Not allowed to pick on homeless poor poverty. A teacher who's a mandatory reporter is on board of Nickelsville and stays there every weekend. This child at 16 was being sexually teased. She went drinking with older man who forced her into oral sex. Tried to rape her. I have it from her. [. . .] I have her on Facebook. I took her to lunch and let her know: Yes it was illegal to drink at 16. But that doesn't make it right to kick out a homeless teen with no CPS referral. No new plan agency place to go. Union Gospel Mission spent months searching tents in the greenbelt trying to help also. Taxpayers have told the Washington State Patrol, King County Sheriff, Seattle Police, [about this . . .] It's OK. No one cares but us dumb housewives who are going to bring this up at election time. Mayor's office, Human Services Department, King County Executive Dow Constantine. ALL IGNORED. [. . .] It's a sad day when no one cares.

[REDACTED]