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Hey Tony. I have a question for you. This has been on my mind since I've returned home, and I would like to know what your stance and the parties stance is on this.

has a homelessness issue. The current government is paying for these individuals to stay in local hotels. I know this because the hotel at which I'm employed is steady taking people in as an 'emergency shelter'. We have several rooms designated for them. Although I'm grateful that we are able to provide this service and keep these individuals off the street, I am also concerned that we are not equipped, nor qualified to deal with some of these people. We have taken women and children in who have left relationships due to domestic violence. We have had individuals in with severe mental health and addictions issues. The safety concern is that we are a hotel. We are not councillors, we are not a shelter. We cannot and do not provide any safety or protection for these people. There is nothing stopping an ex partner for example from coming in to the hotel and harming these women. We can't help those who have serious mental health and addictions issues and have 'meltdowns' or psychotic episodes. It's a very dangerous situation for us as well as the clients we are providing shelter for.

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