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Statement Regarding Sen. Kettle's Comments on the Homeless

Providence, RI ó Rhode Island Democratic Party Chairman Edwin R. Pacheco reacted to insensitive comments made by Republican State Senator Nicholas Kettle regarding Rhode Island's homeless, highlighted in the article "State Improves Cranston Shelter" in *The Providence Journal* today:

"I was both shocked and troubled by Sen. Kettle's cruel attack on the homeless population in Rhode Island. Sadly, he has displayed his misinformation, ignorance and immaturity. Such a lack of compassion, character and thought is a disservice to the people of Coventry, Foster and Scituate, whom he represents. In a time of high unemployment and economic difficulties, far too many Rhode Island families are one paycheck away from being homeless. As Sen. Kettle may someday come to learn, there are Rhode Islanders who struggle every day to pay rent or a mortgage to secure housing for themselves or their families," said Pacheco.

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