

Steve Lurie's letter to the Globe and Mail, November 29, 2011 in response to "Ford shows constraint without imposing crushing cuts"

It is extremely shortsighted for Toronto to balance its budget by closing shelters that house men and women living with mental health and addiction problems, when there is a waitlist of over 5,000 for supportive housing. Calgary was able to close shelter beds last year, but only after investing in supportive housing which made some of their shelter beds unnecessary. Supportive housing costs less than shelter beds, and Toronto's decision will put pressure on the remaining shelters or result in people being hospitalized, which will cost even more.

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