Good afternoon Senator Kitchel and Senator Lyons,

I am writing to respectfully request that you include $300,000 in the SFY 2025 budget to continue the **SASH for All pilot programs** for a 3rd year in the Brattleboro area. We worked diligently to get this ask included on the House side and the House General and Housing Committee included it in their committee's recommendation to the House Appropriations Committee. Unfortunately, it was not included in the House passed budget bill.

We were so grateful that you included $450K last year to continue SASH for All for year 2 and we had expected to have a Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) allocation to fund year 3. While the CDS allocation was moved forward by Senator Sanders it got stuck in the cross hairs in the Appropriations Subcommittee.

We strongly urge you to include $300K for SASH for All in your budget bill for many reasons including:
1. SASH for ALL has been very successful at the pilot sites – many evictions have been prevented, Emergency Room visits have decreased for those participating, regional partnerships have strengthened to support the housing stability and health and wellness of individuals and families living in affordable housing.
2. We have leveraged $150K for 3 years ($450K total) from M&T Bank to continue SASH for All so our request this year is less than last year.
3. SASH for All is built off the successful SASH model and includes the statewide support and infrastructure to ensure accountability and model fidelity.
4. Long term funding plan is to roll SASH for All into the same funding mechanism for SASH- the next All Payer Model agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and have it available across the state via the existing SASH network of housing providers and partners.

I am happy to provide any further information on this request and thank you for your consideration.
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