

I support budgeting 10.82 million for the implementation of the pilot planning grant for housing begun by Act 186. I knew many families that were well served by the Brandon facility which closed in 1993 - a perspective that was largely ignored at the time. As a result, our most vulnerable adult population continues to be at risk of homelessness and abuse. It has now been over 30 years since Vermont has invested in providing safe housing options for families of adults with developmental disabilities. So I support developing a pipeline for funding the annual development of stable, service-supporting housing for adults with developmental disabilities.

Thank you for supporting this bill.

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