

To Whom It Concerns:

I am writing in support of proposed legislation relating to \$10.82 million for implementation of a pilot planning grant for housing begun by ACT 186.

I support developing a funding pipeline for annual development of stable, service- supported housing for adults with developmental disabilities.

Currently on my residential street in Burlington reside two different families, each with an adult child with Downs Syndrome living with them. I have a close relationship with both of these families, and therefore am greatly aware of the many challenges they are confronting in their attempts to procure a safe and stable future for their loved ones.

As a health care professional with 50 plus years of experience in that field I can appreciate the critical need for stable, service- supported housing for adults with developmental disabilities. My sincere hope is that this proposed legislation will be considered top priority, and that the requested funding will be made available.

Thank you for accepting my support.

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