

Hello-

I want to let you know that I SUPPORT 10.82 million for the implementation of the pilot planning grant housing begun by Act 186, and that you support developing a pipeline for funding the annual development of stable, service-supported housing for adults with developmental disabilities.

I am a mother of a 27 year old daughter with Downs Syndrome and Chrohn's disease. I have seen since I was very young the state's progression on inclusion for children and adults with special needs. My mother and father helped pioneer CCS transition to move away from a sheltered workshop. My oldest sister, now 72 was born prematurely and is also developmentally challenged. As you can imagine, we have seen many changes and I am now advocating as well for this pilot planning of housing for more choices for adults like my sister and daughter. I was my sisters sole support until we found an SLP we trusted and she was able to adapt when I took my mom in and eventually had to go to a nursing home. I am very lucky that we were able to find a wonderful SLP-those are far and few between.

VT has been forward thinking, but much more can happen. I certainly remember Brandon Training when my parents took us to visit with my sister. We spent an hour and left and never returned!

I full support this grant.

Thank you,

Linda Scott on behalf of Emily Scott and Ann Fullem