

Dear Legislators:

I ask that you SUPPORT \$10.82 million for the implementation of the housing pilots for adults with developmental disabilities begun with planning grants from Act 186. Furthermore, I ask that you support funding the annual development of stable, service-supported housing for adults with developmental disabilities. Those Act 187 pilot projects are just a first learning step towards creating a robust network of community-based, collective housing opportunities with support staff for developmentally disabled adults who require substantial care. Estimates suggest that over 600 placements are needed statewide right now.

I have a friend with a disabled daughter who will turn 21 in a few weeks. This family needs all of the support that they can get.

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