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My name is Juliane Foley and I live in Georgia VT. I have a 20 year old son who is intellectually/developmentally disabled and I am a member of the DDHI team that aims to enable more choice in VT for adults with disabilities.

My request is \$9M for Implementation of the 3 Pilot grant projects, and Annual development of Service-Supported housing for adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

The State of Vermont failed to meet their obligations under Federal Medicaid Rules, and now have 2 Corrective Action Plans to demonstrate that HCBS recipients have true choice, including choices in housing. The three Act 186 Pilot Planning Grants are contained in the latest Corrective Action Plan, however DAHL did not request funding for building the Planning Grant projects.

My family and the families like ours in VT have HCBS funding provided by Medicaid for services, and access to entitlement benefits (SSA benefits) for ongoing housing costs.

My son and others like him in VT are different and beautiful people with gifts to share. Please recognize the value of this difference and support choice for these individuals so they can thrive and give to their communities.

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Sincerely,

Juliane Foley