

Hello,

My name is Steve Callison and I live in Burlington, Vt. I am emailing because I have a 23 year old son who has Down Syndrome and is ready to launch out of our home. Silas has a job, volunteers in the community, and is a strongly independent young man. While he is very independent, he will need support as he lives independently.

I would like the legislature to approve the \$10.82 million for the implementation of the pilot planning grant housing begun by Act 186.

Individuals with Developmental Disabilities are our most vulnerable population and it terrifies me to think about Silas' future if we don't have supportive housing in Vermont. Since the closing of Brandon, the state has been negligent by not investing in supportive housing for individuals with developmental disabilities.

With respect,
Steve Callison