

It has come to my attention that there is currently a proposal to create a 16 locked bed psychiatric facility to replace the 7 bed facility in Middlesex for the cost of \$11.6million dollars. I am encouraging you to not go through with this proposed use of state funds to create more carceral responses to mental health needs. In other words, please do not continue to use prison-practices in the name of supporting mental health needs.

I oppose the Middlesex Replacement Facility because Vermont needs to invest in community solutions, not incarceration.

Thank you so much,
Alex Fischer
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District 2 Town Representative