

Hello,

I wanted to share as a VT state resident my opposition with Middlesex TRC Replacement. Our state needs to invest in community solutions that are effective for all involved, and not dependent on incarceration of those who need support and connection. This is an opportunity to that that step, or at least not walk backwards towards what has been proved again and again as harmful, violent, and ineffective.

I encourage you to listen to those who have experienced these forms of "treatment" and their allies to recognize that there are better alternatives. Dedicating a large set of funds to building this facility would counter the experiences, demands, and visions from those whose voices should be front and center in these decision making processes.

Thank you for hearing my opposition. I hope that you take this message along with the many other you have heard into deep consideration when choosing how to proceed.

Warmly,
Anne Louise