

My name is Jessica Hoskins, and I am the director of special services at Champlain Valley Union High School in Hinesburg, VT. I am writing to provide input to the budget development and to share my support for the proposal to include \$10.82 m for Implementation of the 3 Pilot grant projects, and Annual development of Service-Supported housing for adults with I/DD in the budget this year.

The need to improve support for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities is a critical one. Every year, CVSD exits students from our system into the DS system knowing full well that they are not funded enough to provide robust support to our students. The issue of housing is particularly crucial, as youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities are at a higher risk of homelessness, and the housing opportunities for this population has been consistently under-invested in since the closing of Brandon Institute in 1993.

I fully support this budget proposal and look forward to seeing it included in the budget that goes to the Governor for his signature this year.

Respectfully,

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