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My name is Amelia Foley and I live in Georgia VT. I have a 20 year old brother who is intellectually/developmentally disabled. My mother is 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 DAIL 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.

I am asking for this support because I personally have experienced the effects a lack of opportunity and services can have on a family. It is not only the lives of those with disabilities that will benefit from this, but countless family members and caregivers as well.

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Sincerely,

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