



March 16, 2026

Members of the Vermont General Assembly
Vermont State House
115 State Street Montpelier, VT 05633
c/o Autumn Crabtree

Dear Members;

The 10% in Vermont program arrived at a pivotal moment in the financing journey of *Vergennes Grand Senior Living*, one that ultimately determined whether this project could move forward. In 2022/23 as rising interest rates and construction costs made development increasingly difficult, the low-interest loan we received was instrumental in battling back run-away project costs.

Today, Vergennes Grand is home to 84 seniors, including over 40% considered low-income residents, allowing Vermonters to remain in the Addison County community they know and love—close to family, friends, and familiar support systems. That means stronger relationships, greater peace of mind for families, and improved well-being for residents, who might otherwise be housed in inappropriate and more costly settings.

This project—made possible in part through the **LIAC/10% in Vermont program**—has created benefits far beyond its walls, strengthening the local economy, supporting 70 new jobs, and directly contributing to much-needed housing stock in the region.

We strongly support and encourage passage of bill **H.775**.

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