

TO: House Appropriations Committee

RE: End Homelessness Vermont FY2026 Budget Adjustment Request

Signed by:

- Vermont Interfaith Action
- Hunger Free Vermont
- NOFA-VT
- Vermont Parent Child Center Network
- Feeding the Valley Alliance
- Vermont Community Action Partnership
- The American Civil Liberties Union of Vermont (ACLU-VT)
- Disability Rights Vermont (DRVT)
- Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance
- Vermont Center for Independent Living

Dear House Appropriations Committee:

We are writing to request \$100,000 be included in the FY26 Budget Adjustment Act in support of End Homelessness Vermont. This funding is needed urgently for disability-focused case management, benefits navigation, and concrete supports for Vermonters.

End Homelessness Vermont is an essential resource, serving people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity across the state. Their services primarily support people experiencing homelessness who have disabilities and medical complexities, including ensuring people have access to *life-saving* essentials like power supplies for oxygen, as one example.

Vermont ranks among the top states whose residents experience homelessness. In April and July 2025, many hundreds of Vermonters, including a large number of people with medically complex conditions, were exited from the General Assistance Emergency Housing program. End Homelessness Vermont stepped in to support these Vermonters with their most basic needs, thus depleting their funding. \$100,000 from the State of Vermont is essential to stabilize this organization and ensure they can remain available to provide this life-saving support to people experiencing homelessness—including people who are disabled, Veterans, older adults, and people with complex medical needs.

End Homelessness Vermont is a critical part of the existing infrastructure supporting our unhoused community members. These funds are a necessary investment in this organization, and would allow them to continue providing disability-focused care, case management, benefits navigation and coordination to achieve housing stability for people, while providing concrete supports along the way—tangible resources that prevent tragic outcomes. This funding will support progress toward the best possible outcomes for Vermonters.

Please appropriate \$100,000 to End Homelessness Vermont in the FY26 Budget Adjustment Act.