

Dear Members of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees,

My name is Ed Townley and I'm from Williston, Vermont. I am writing this letter to express my support for permanent service supported housing for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

My wife and I currently reside with our 28-year-old son, who has a developmental disability and receives home and community-based services. He wishes to live independently from us but requires permanent service supported housing to achieve this goal. He would like to remain in Williston, his hometown, where he has connections with peers and feels secure in his environment.

I support the recommendations originally outlined in *Act 69: The Road Home Report*, and I urge that these recommendations be funded in the FY2027 Budget.

Specifically, I am requesting the following funding allocations be included:

1. Allocation of \$5-\$10 million per year for five years to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, as recommended by "*The Road Home Report*," to develop I/DD service support. These funds would significantly expand housing options for this vulnerable population.
2. Provision of \$1-2 million in state-funded rental assistance for participants in the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living's (DAIL) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) programs. There is a critical need for a minimum of \$500k in vouchers to support rental assistance for tenants in service supported housing in Waterbury, Burlington, and new I/DD projects in the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board pipeline.
3. Creation of a new permanent position at DAIL to facilitate housing development and support the housing process for participants in HCBS services.

Thank you for considering the inclusion of funding for *The Road Home Report* in the FY2027 Budget. Your support is essential for ensuring that adults with I/DD have access to safe, supportive, and permanent housing options.

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