

Good morning ,

I am writing on behalf of our 33 year old adult son Patrick , who was born with Down syndrome and developed Autism at age 3.

Patrick is a joyful,familiar New North End resident, BHS graduate,employee at Hannaford and the 4th of our 7 children.

Patrick lives with my husband and I full time ,we are 71 and 69.

He cannot live alone and after we are gone , will require 24/7 supervision in a safe , secure, supported housing model, preferably here in Burlington .

We support the important efforts by the DDHI group and ask the legislature to grant the current requests from Act 69's ' The Road Home ' report, which have been shared with you.

I greatly appreciated being present at the statehouse last week and hearing testimony on the housing crisis for Vermonters with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The well prepared self advocates said it all , through sharing their lived experiences...good and bad.

For Patrick, we remain grateful for your focus on the inclusion of our neighbors with I/DD in all future housing projects.

Thank you,

Kathleen Connor Lynch RN [and Terence M Lynch]
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