

Brenda Siegel: End Homelessness Vermont. Recommendations For H.861

For the Record, I am Brenda Siegel the Executive Director of End Homelessness Vermont. We support H.861. I have a few recommendations for this bill. I just made brief recommendations because of timing, but, happy to answer any questions. My email is brenda@endhomelessnessvt.org.

Top Recommendations:

1. Would like to include End Homelessness Vermont in the organizations to be consulted with. We take over 3000 unique calls and support over 500 people living with disabilities in an ongoing way. We are the only major Disability organization that is not included in this list.
2. The position is hired by a committee of peers, potentially all the Disability Organizations included in this bill plus EHVT.
3. If you take direct contact by individuals with the coordinator away, instead keep a committee that meets regularly of the list for consultation for the purpose of identifying issues to the ADA coordinator.
4. Ensure that after hiring, the position is appointed for an identified time and is protected from having to serve at the pleasure or direction of the Governor. This will allow them to independently be able to make this assessment.