

Hello House Healthcare Committee members,

I'm a Vermont resident, and a social work intern, and I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposal for a new psych prison in Middlesex. I strongly support the number of voluntary community resources and care that people are actively growing and building here locally as alternatives to the carceral system, which have consistently been demonstrated as far more effective and humane, on a local level and a country level and even a global level.

Thank you

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