

01-29-2026 HB1293

I am the parent of a 27-year-old IDD individual, Matthew J. Cyr.

Over many years, I have advocated on behalf of my son.

Last night it came to my attention that the House Ways & Means Committee is proposing HB1293, a bill to tax all charitable organizations on the amount of their property values that exceed \$1,000,000. The combined value of many IDD housing properties in New Hampshire exceeds the proposed \$1,000,000 threshold. These properties are used for supported housing for residents all with developmental disabilities. Implementing a property tax for these properties would be tremendous hardship for the organizations and would impact the affordability for each of the residents.

I personally have been working with a group of parents to create permanent, supported (housing) residences for our adult children with developmental disabilities, and for others with similar needs. There will come a time when parents can no longer care for their children, and NH has no such program of permanent, stable housing for persons with these needs.

We incorporated in August 2025 as Our Homestead, Inc., ([ourhomesteadnh.org](http://ourhomesteadnh.org)) a nonprofit NH charitable trust. Raising the money for such a program, first to provide the physical structure(s) and then to design and implement a permanent, affordable and sustainable supportive housing program, takes several years and intensive effort.

Implementing the tax proposed in HB1293 would undermine the viability of our project's affordability and sustainability. New Hampshire does not fund this urgently needed residential service.

We respectfully request that you ITR HM1293.

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