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My son currently resides in a Group home managed by Ability Beyond. I know first hand how successful this living arrangement can be for both my son and for my husband and me. Firstly, my son's very erratic behavior has improved dramatically since living independently. He is able to attend a day program and contribute to the community. And now , my husband and I are both able to work. The waiting list for residential placement MUST be eliminated. Our state needs to have more forward planning vs the reactive attitude of years past. We need all individuals to be independent members of the community, disabled or not. This will eventually add tax revenue.

It' s time to eliminate OVERTIME and inefficient spending within state run institutions. They need to be closed. The Five year plan must include the reallocation of all of these funds to serve more individuals in our state.

Thank you!  
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