

I understand you are looking for input for the need for supportive housing in Michigan.

At 17, my 29 year old son had a psychotic break. He has lived with me ever since because there is no where else for him to go.

In December, we were changing meds. There is no safe place to be able to change meds and unfortunately, it didn't go well and he ended up in a psychiatric hospital. They kept him longer than they wanted because there was no where to send him.

I am currently paying a room rental fee for him in a house in Ypsilanti, MI. It is filthy, run down and has no support system at all. I am currently taking him food and cleaning while I am there. There is one other person in the home, who I understand is a relative of the owner. I have to clean up after him too as he uses the kitchen.

My son is now with the Community Mental Health system now and they claim to be working on finding him a place to live where he can be safe and have some services. The wheels move slow though and so far nothing has been done. I have to call and call to get any answers and then it still has no impact.

I say all this because, if it wasn't for me, my son would have been discharged from the hospital with no help. He would have no food and no one to put his meds out in the daily boxes so he knows what to take. He wouldn't go to his appointments because he wouldn't walk there (too far) and he doesn't pay attention to his phone for reminders. I had to take bedding and his clothes to him as well as toilet paper and essentials.

He would have been back in the hospital a few days after discharge because there was no where for him to go to have the help he needs to stay safe.

We need more group homes, subsidized apartments with supports or I can envision a "hotel" like setting where people have their own space with bathroom and a kitchenette but a community room and dining room where they can get a meal and companionship if they want or need it.

Thank you for listening. There are many of us out there housing our loved ones because there are no options.

Sincerely,

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I am writing because I am in my seventies and have a 45 year old daughter living with mental illness. I am very concerned about where she will live when I die. She has been unable to work for over 15 years. Where will she find affordable quality supportive housing?

People with mental illness who are currently living with aging family members are a large and silent group of people. Please help us in providing for our loved ones when we will no longer be able to.

Thank-you,

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Hello,

I am writing tonight about your Human Services House Subcommittee tomorrow (3/17/2026).

I have a daughter that has been diagnosed with a mental illness at age 27 and is now 45 years old. Her mother and I are in our early 70's and deeply concerned where she will live when we both die. She has a younger brother and he has two children and has made reference in the past he would prefer we find a place for her.

Hoping at tomorrows Human Services Subcommittee meeting that these people with a brain health issue are not forgotten.

Many parents have the same concern for their loved ones as we do.

In addition, I taught a NAMI class in Washtenaw county for 6 years.

If additional information needed please contact me at your convience.

Respectfully,

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Hi, I am Bill (William) Teepe, and I would like to take a minute to talk about housing for those like me who have mental health problems. Even though housing is a complex issue and those with mental health issues are one part of this complex problem, 1 in 5 adults has some kind of mental health problem. In 2011, I was homeless and did not have any food because of my mental health. The options that are available (not including care) are very limited. First, you have a limited income, and places that support this level of income are limited. Second, once you have housing under current laws, things like Police, EMT, and other emergency service workers showing up too much can lead to evictions. This could include when you need to go to the hospital for mental health reasons. Third, in 2013, I almost got evicted because even though the money was in the bank, I could not pay my rent because I was in the hospital. I was released in the nick of time and was able to pay my rent and late fees. Even if the Judge did not evict me, my ability to make personal choices could have been impacted. My last point is that I work hard trying to keep my mental health problems under control and act like any other person. In doing so, I am able to have stable housing, but I know that it could be challenging to get everything done, make sure the rent is paid, work, and take care of life. All too often, those with mental health problems have to live in less-than-desirable conditions. (Not inhumane, but in group homes or renting a room with 6-12 other people) not because they can't afford a better place, but because they may not have the support needed to stay. Even though I am able to pay my rent each month, I could be one hospital stay away from eviction. An example of this goes like this: I am fine now, but 8 days from now, something happens and causes me to go to the hospital, and an average stay is about 10 days. This means that I miss my rent deadline, and by the 15th, I am evicted. Why, because I could not pay my rent, due to getting the medical care I need. It does not have to be like that. I am just giving my story.

Dear Sydney Walker,

We have a 40 year old son Andrew who lives with us. He has mental health issues. We need him in his own place.

Please help us!

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We need it. I'm the parent of a high functioning adult child on the spectrum with mental health issues, too. There are no options available to her. Please do something about it.

Thank you,

Arthur Mitchell.