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Good afternoon –

My name is Heather Hollingsworth-McDuffie, and I am a Transition Coordinator for **North Carolina s Money Follows the Person Demonstration project.**
I work with the Aging & Physical Disability.
The main objective is to transition individuals out of Skilled Nursing Facilities and hospitals, back to their own homes ,with their families or link and assist them into an independent residence of their choice.
About 2/3 of our MFP participants come to us in need of housing. This means at any point MFP is looking to assist an average of over 130+ individuals to secure housing, not only for the counties I cover(Wayne, New Hanover, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, Pender, Onslow, and Jones counties) but statewide.

We work in conjunction and partner with Targeted Housing to get our individuals on respective waitlists for property openings as well as the Housing Choice Voucher(formerly section 8). We are in a dire situation. We need more **FULLY ACCESSIBLE UNITS.** We are completely in support of going from 5% to 10% Type A units with curb less showers.
For our populations, we need these to be on the **FIRST floor.**

We work closely with DVR/IL to make environmental modifications are completed.   It would be extremely cost effective and efficient to have units mentioned above.
 We need increased capacity to transition people safely back into the community. I thank you for your time and am encouraged that the decision made will benefit our participants and North Carolina citizens

Sincerely,

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