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**From:** cssal@bvu.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 17, 2014 2:10 PM  
**To:** SB627  
**Subject:** SWVTC Hillsville, VA

This great establishment has been home for my nephew Brett Bishop for 20 + years. Brett is 45. They have been able to take great care of Brett, give him the private space that he requires, dental and medical care, also allow him to go on outings with proper supervision. Brett is severely autistic, does not like change and need 24 7 mointering. His Mother, Father and sister have all passed away in the last 8 years. My sister & I are his only contact to family. Maternal aunts. Neither could ever provide the care that he needs; Brett is mobile but lacks communication skills which causes him to have sudden outburst trying to get his point across. During this time he need those around him who know how to deal with it. Why would you close such a beautiful facility to build or buy homes for these residents I can not understand the reasoning in this. On behalf of Brett and all the residents who need to keep their home I ask PLEASE do not close SWVTC. Thank you for your consideration SHIRLEY SALYER & BARBARA MORRISON (Brett's aunts)