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Until relatively recently many people whose disabilities prevented them from working in paid employment were denied the freedom of choice and long-term security that only owning a home of their own really delivers. Back in 1997 however I and a number of others sat down to develop a brand new model of home ownership to overcome this inequality. The result was HOLD (Home Ownership for people with Long-term Disabilities).

Since then my organisation, MySafeHome Limited, has been privileged to help almost 1,300 people with disabilities secure a home of their own, through good times and more challenging ones most notably the 'credit crunch' which saw mortgage lending for our buyers dry up almost overnight. We refused to give up though and now have a number of supportive open minded Lenders who are as committed as we are to seeing HOLD continue to develop.

It's this tenacity, creativity and drive that I will bring to the Representative Body especially as home ownership for people with disabilities still isn't as widely accepted, promoted and



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supported as it should be, denying many hundreds if not thousands of individuals of the chance to live their life their way.

If I'm honoured to be elected to the Representative Body I will make full use of this position to do everything I can to make home ownership available to as many people with disabilities as possible by continuing to inform all stakeholders of its benefits, to work closely with them to secure their full support and to campaign tirelessly for additional funding to help many more individuals turn their hopes into homes.

Thank you for considering me for this role.

David is standing for election to represent his organisation My Safe Home.



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