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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I oppose the closure of 6 state supported living centers and I fear the results for our most vulnerable citizens with expanding the use of private, for-profit facilities to attend to them. Private ICFs must maintain the same individualized care plans as do state supported living centers.

For-profit, private organizations will provide the appearance of cost-savings by denying or delaying services or by delivering inadequate services. I am disturbed that penalties for penalty violations in private ICFs have no consequences which further encourages denied, delayed or inadequate care. Furthermore, inspections of private ICFs must mirror those of state supported living centers.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The Department of Aging and Disability Services must not use flawed economic models when assessing cost-savings of private sector care delivery as the costs associated with private, for-profit ICFs do not factor in the costs of medical care delivery provided by Medicaid.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree