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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

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State: Texas

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

I remember it like yesterday when I first heard about Texas-supported schools and homes for our mentally challenged and physically disabled citizens. I had heard that no other state in our nation took care of these individuals; at least, not as good as Texas. This is one of the reasons that I think Texas has been so blessed, because Texas helps those who are more disadvantaged than ourselves.

For many years I volunteered with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo at the Brookwood Home. The appreciation received from these wonderfully precious and innocent residents made me appreciate my health and that of my children's, but more importantly, it made me proud to be a Texan.

With all of the prosperity that Texas has achieved, it would be an embarrassment and disgraceful should Texas allow these places to be closed and terminate or reduce hours for existing employees.

Texas has showed that it had a heart when it took in refugees from Louisiana, helped Oklahoma after a devastating hurricane, etc. This is one of those times that Texas needs to step up to the plate to help our most vulnerable citizens live a healthy and full life.

Texas needs to make cuts elsewhere and support the state-supported schools in an appropriate manner. These individuals need far more attention than ordinary citizens can afford. Supporting these schools and homes is the right thing to do. Texas should remain the shining example of compassion and righteousness by renewing, and quite possibly increasing, funding for this remarkable Texas program.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: No funding cuts should be made to state-supported institutions that aid the physically and mentally challenged members of our community. If

any change in budget is made, it should be to increase funding.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree