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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

First Name: Betty

Last Name: Waite

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Brady

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am strongly opposed to the possible closing of the Austin State Supported Living Center. I have a relative who has lived there for approximately 50 years - since she was about 12 years old. She has the mental capacity of a 5--6 year old child, and requires 24-hour supervision. She is able to dress herself and feed herself, but she is totally unable to make safety decisions for herself or others, and will readily go with anyone who seems nice to her. She is very familiar with the living arrangements at the Austin home, and a disruption of her familiar surroundings and routine will cause substantial distress for her. After 50 years of living in this center as her home, it is doubtful that she will ever be able to adjust to a strange and different environment. I understand that financial reasons must be considered, but please also weigh the humanitarian reasons for keeping this center open for these disabled persons.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please keep the Austin State Supported Living Center open.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree