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

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I was planning to come to the hearing and testify however I had work related issues that kept me from coming today. There are several things I think are necessary to bring to the committee's attention. As I listened to the testimony today of the children who were abused while in foster care I could not help but think of another child that was placed in foster care. Alexandria Hill was placed in foster care and taken away from her parents because her father smoked marijuana. While in the care of a foster parent, Alex was slammed against a wall, placed on life support and and suffered fatally. Joselyn Cedillo was two years old when her mother super glued her hands to the wall while she repeatedly kicked her and beat her to unconsciousness. CPS had prior cases with this mother and yet this innocent child was left in her care. Jocelyn did not die but today is in the hands of the grandmother her begged the judge for probation for her daughter! (Elizabeth Escalona). My heart breaks for this child and I hope that she is thriving now that her mother was sentenced to 99 years. Last but certainly not least is Grace Lillian Ford, two years old, who was duck taped and suffocated by Melinda Munoz. Each of these children share several similarities. They each had parents that were involved currently or previously with CPS. They each spent their last moments on life support. They each were either left in the hands of or placed into the hands of their monster. We have a broken system that is in desperate need of repair. I blame the broken system on the management and oversight of CPS and on the lack of legislative review for the last 17 years by the Sunset Review Committee. Seventeen years between reviews is not showing our state's interest in the well being of our children. I am a mother who has a child that could have been in the same boat as these families that you heard today.

Fortunately, my child's father was ruled to be a danger to all children in the state of Texas by Greg Abbott's office and I do not have to worry. But each of these babies brings up the horrible reminder that my child could have faced. Please fix the broken system and please do not let another 17 years go before another review is made.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree