From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Cecelia Hartley</u>

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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local]

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Agency: DEPARTMENT ASSISTIVE AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES DARS

First Name: Becky

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: As a parent of 2 visually impaired children I oppose the combination of DBS & DRS. Other than my children's visual impairment they are healthy active teenagers. I feel that if the two agencies combine, children who only have one disability will "fall through the cracks". DBS has helped my children so much and I feel that with the already heavy caseload of DRS, some children who are only serviced by DBS will be over looked.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I feel that if a child's only disability is a visual impairment, they should continue to be served by DBS and not merged with DRS. My recommendation would be to allow DBS to serve in full capacity and child with only a visual impairment and if a child has other disabilities then DBS & DRS could combine to serve the child for the best of their needs.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree