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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: Sirs: It has been said that, " a country is judged by how it treats its most vulnerable citizens." This continues to be an immutable truth that has been a tenet of mankind's existence. The mentally retarded citizens in the state living centers should remain in these facilities as this is and provides for their best quality of life and promotes their best health. Should the state choose to place them in group homes or some other alternative, there will be increased morbidity and mortality without question. How will we choose to treat our most fragile and vulnerable citizens? The choice is ours. David Partridge.M.D.-former Medical Director at Richmond State Supported Living Center-6/3/2014

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Establish in Austin a hospital for the mentally retarded and have the Texas Medical Association in conjunction with Mayo's Clinic conduct oversight.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree