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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or
Opposed: For many years, Certified Academic Language Therapists of Texas lobbied to be recognized and licensed by the state. In order to become a CALT, we had to put in many hours of schooling, hundreds of hours of clinical practice and observations. We have had to meet high professional standards to receive our professional certification. Being licensed by the state has given us another level of recognition in our field of expertise, and enables our profession to maintain high standards to ensure quality delivery of interventions to dyslexic children and adults. As a Texas State Licensed Dyslexia Therapist, I greatly oppose the plan of the Sunset Advisory Commission to strip me of my state license and to abolish licensure of other professionals in my field.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: My recommendation is to maintain state licensure of Dyslexia Therapists who meet the qualifications.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree