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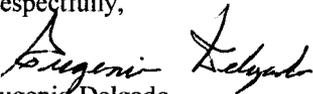
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My name is Eugenio Delgado. My wife Alba and I are the parents and legal guardians of our son Eric who resides at the El Paso SSLC since February 13, 1978. Eric was born 51 years ago unattended, consequently he suffered permanent brain damage; cerebral palsy. He is profoundly retarded, confined to a wheel chair, doesn't talk, doesn't walk, unable to feed, bath or do anything for himself, so he is dependent on others for all his needs. The El Paso SSLC has the means to provide 24 hours medical care. There are doctors, nurses, psychologists, therapists on site, food personnel to prepare a variety of different meals according to the condition of the resident and a dedicated direct worker staff working in three shifts. Many of these specialized services are not available at the community homes. Our local community homes have a long waiting list; and it can be ascertained that they would rather not accept this type of residents. Considering his condition, we feel that the type of service he has received at the El Paso SSLC has been outstanding. Therefore, we are definitely opposed to the closing of this facility. It is the only one existing in our metro area. Other SSLC are hundred of miles away. Elderly persons like us, are not physically able to provide the required and necessary care. So, the El Paso SSLC should be considered the best alternative available. Ladies and gentlemen, just as it is hoped that the doors of immigration of the Jews from Russia to Israel remain open; it is similarly hoped that the doors to the Texas SSLC remain open to those citizens receiving services therein.

Respectfully,


Eugenio Delgado