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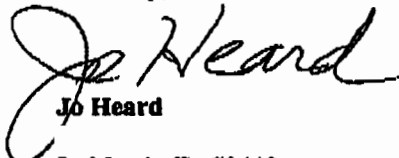
**SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION:**

**My name is Jo Heard.**

**Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony regarding closure of Austin State Supported Living Center.**

**My daughter, Cathy is 61 years old & is blind & autistic. She has lived at ASSLC since she was 16 or 45 years. She moved there from Lubbock State School where the care was not appropriate for her. She made tremendous improvement after moving. The care she receives here has been exceptional & I cannot comprehend how she can get along without it. I strongly urge you to keep this much needed facility open. They have given her one on one wonderful care. She especially enjoys the swimming pool which my family made generous contributions to its being built.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jo Heard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jo" and last name "Heard" clearly legible.

**Jo Heard**

**Lubbock, Tx 79413**