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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: It is my understanding that your committee is considering abolishing the licensing of dyslexia teachers in Texas. At a time that our state is seeing more and more emphasis put on teaching every child to their potential, I think that move would be a great injustice. Dyslexia and its effects on a child's learning is well documented. Yet we know as educators that children with dyslexia can be helped by specially trained teachers. It would be a disservice to those who have spent years becoming certified not to recognize their specialty in education.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please reconsider the recommendation to abolish the license of specially trained dyslexia teachers in Texas. The program to become is a certified language therapist is a rigorous one that deserves such a license.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree