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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I am opposed to the recommendation by the Sunset Commission, to revoke Licensure for Academic Language Therapists. As a Licensed Therapist, I have remediated children with Dyslexia, ADHD and related differences for over twenty years. I have witnessed positive changes when they learn to read and understand their own learning processes so they can advocate for themselves in the classroom. Their self confidence grows, and they enjoy learning.

More therapists are teaching in the classrooms, and private therapists give added support and help to both the parents and children with more severe learning difficulties. I can't imagine why, when our Texas students are performing below standard compared to many other states, The Sunset Commission would want to take away licensure and discourage and minimize the help being offered to students who need help the most. It makes me wonder just what the priorities of this agency is.

I would urge them to re-think this recommendation and give more thought to our children and those who are working to improve education for all children.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I think this agency needs to re-think this recommendation and help support Licensure for Academic Language Therapist, since they are working tirelessly to make learning a positive experience for all children.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree