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**To:** [Janet Wood](#); [Brittany Roberson](#)  
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From: [sundrupal@capitol.local](mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local) [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
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To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Kimberly

Last Name: Lowe

Title: Licensed Dyslexia Therapist

Organization you are affiliated with: Judson Independent School District

City: San Antonio

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I oppose abolishing licensure for dyslexia therapist and practitioners. The State of Texas requires that teachers be highly qualified to ensure that the students in this state receive a quality education. When you work to obtain a license as a dyslexia therapist you have truly meet the requirement of highly qualified. There are thousands of dyslexic students in the state of Texas that deserve to have a Licensed Dyslexia Therapist provide them with the therapy that they need, so that they can overcome their disability. My son is dyslexic and did not have a highly qualified dyslexia therapist to help him while he was in school. He struggled in the public school system and continues to deal with self-esteem issues related to his disability. I choose to pursue my Therapist Licensure because of the struggles that my family has had to deal with. Dyslexia is a disability that can be devastating for a family when they have no support in the public education system. In my district highly qualified dyslexia teachers are required to complete the requirements to become a CALT and a Licensed Dyslexia Therapist. This requirement has allowed us to provide services to thousands of students. The therapist in my district have helped students learn to overcome their disability and they have taught students and parents to advocate for themselves. The state allows for a speech teacher to have a license, but dyslexia teachers might lose this right? How is one more important than the other. Our state is finally moving in the right direction in regards to dyslexia. Dyslexia is really and it affects thousands of families. Texas needs to continue moving forward in acknowledging dyslexia and providing our students with the best education possible. We can only do this if we continue allowing Therapist to be highly qualified and LICENSED!!!!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Licensure should continue for dyslexia therapist.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

**From:** [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)  
**To:** [Janet Wood](#); [Brittany Roberson](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Abolishing Dyslexia Licensure  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Kim Lowe  
Sent: Saturday, May 31, 2014 11:46 AM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
Subject: Abolishing Dyslexia Licensure

I oppose the abolishing of the Texas Dyslexia Licensure. The State requires that its teachers be highly qualified, and a License for a Dyslexia Therapist makes us highly qualified. The dyslexic students and families in this State deserve to have these highly qualified educators provide the necessary services for their children. Speech teachers are allowed to be licensed, and yet Therapist providing academic language therapy do not deserve to be licensed. I do not understand this reasoning. Please do not support the Sunset recommendation to abolish removal of Texas Dyslexia Licensure.

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