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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: The recommendation to close state supported living centers is horribly misguided. Many residents are not well suited for group homes and benefit from the environment/resources that is provided in a larger facility. Also, for those who cannot communicate, there is much more of a risk of being abused or neglected in a group home where only one or two workers are at any given time. I have, in the past, worked with individuals with severe and profound mental retardation and multiple handicapping conditions. I am not in that profession currently, so I have no personal stake in this issue, but I do have personal experience with the population that will be negatively affected.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep the state supported living centers open. It is worth our tax dollars.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree