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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

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Organization you are affiliated with: Houston Area Independent film Makers, Houston Public Broadcasting, Hadassah, Honey Brown Foundation

City: Houston

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: This agency is making a grave mistake with its intent to close six state facilities that provide care and education to profoundly intellectually challenged citizens. I have assisted as a volunteer on projects at the Richmond, Texas facility. This campus MUST continue its services. The current trend to move residence into what might appear to be less restrictive independent housing facilities is posing a threat to the safety of these individuals. How will these facilities be monitored?

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: An option to closing the Richmond facility, might be a correlated effort with the educational programs at local Universities and colleges. Research and hands on education for students who are considering careers in fields related to the needs of the intellectually challenged would be a win win situation. I would like to appear in front of committee to further express my views.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree