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Agency: DEPARTMENT FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES DFPS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: DFPS is out of control with no oversight period. Any time there is a review, the opinions of the public, private placement agencies and foster parents are ignored with legislators hearing from 1 side only and blind to the big picture. Each and every year, DFPS contract forces Child Placement Agencies into a new contract with never ending new rules, regulations and reporting requirement which CPS is free to ignore but not the CPAs or foster parents. Fact is there is no need whatsoever for any new rules, regulations or reporting requires as the needs of the children have not changed in decades. This is a classic case of a bureaucracy feeding itself on unnecessary paperwork, rules and regulations. To prove my point make an unannounced visit to any CPS office and take a good look at their offices with paper stacked everywhere for years with no one bothering to read the contents. What a mess. Another round of figurehead political department head appointments is not going to fix this. Remove the department heads and replace them with professionals who report to legislative oversight. This will help.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Restructure DFPS with concrete oversight and investigative authority from HHS with the power to enforce standards.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree