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To: Sunset Advisory Commission **Subject:** Sunset Advisory Commission

I am the Senior Director of Rehabilitation Services for the San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind. I do not believe that Blind individuals will be well served by rolling the two agencies together. I have been with the Lighthouse for over 16 years and it is my opinion that the consolidation of these two agencies will do a disservice to Blind people. The Division for Blind Services has worked delinquently to provide a number of well needed services to our blind populations. I also know that if the DBS older Blind Independent Living Skills program should be turned over the Center for Independent Living. If you do this you might has well just forget about our older blind population. It is my believe this ever growing population will be ignored and suffer greatly from this change. If you would like to speak to me personally, please contact me at any of the numbers listed below.



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