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Agency: DEPARTMENTAGINGANDDISABILITYSERVICESDADS

First Name: Russ

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Title:

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am OPPOSED to the closing of State Supported Assisted Living Centers, specifically the Abilene campus. Residents of these centers have in many cases lived there for ten's of years. For example, my loved one has been a resident there for approximately 50 years. Any type of change is devastating to a resident there. Consistency is paramount to their existence and health. The Abilene center has provided excellent care for her and she is happy there. My family and I are very active in her life and see her one to three times monthly, often having her in our home on a weekend. Should she be moved, this would not only be a hardship on her, but on my family as well. She is not a candidate for a group home. The Abilene center is an integral part of the Abilene community and is well supported by Abilene and the surrounding communities. It does an excellent job of providing care there.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I would recommend that the Abilene campus remain open. I further suggest that continued closures of the state supported assisted living centers is NOT in the best interest of those residents, their families, or their communities.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree