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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

First Name: Sally

Last Name: Feutz

Title: Guardian, State Supported Living Center Resident

Organization you are affiliated with: Family/Guardian Association, Austin State Supported Living Center

City: Austin

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

The recommendation to close six state supported living centers would do a grave disservice to the intellectually disabled of Texas if implemented. The report shows a lack of knowledge of the needs of severely and profoundly intellectually disabled persons and the good care provided by living-center staff. It is undoubtedly influenced by the well-funded groups and their lobbyists who have, for years, tried to close the centers in favor of for-profit, poorly regulated and often even unregistered group homes in the larger community. The emphasis on money to be received by selling center land is disgusting--living centers were not meant to be profit centers. Human capital is the capital that counts.

As guardian of my severely mentally and physically handicapped nephew, I have personal knowledge of the Austin Center community and the care and opportunities he and his fellow residents have there. I hereby register my strong objection to the Commission's recommendation.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep all state supported living centers open and provided with sufficient funds to continue serving the most vulnerable among us.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree