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Agency: DEPARTMENTAGINGANDDISABILITYSERVICESDADS

First Name: Stephen

Last Name: Pearce

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Abilene

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I am begging you, please do not close the Abilene state-supported living center. It is the only safe place my son can live. He is severely mentally challenged, legally blind, and epileptic. He has a tendency to wander off and being blind causes him to lose his sense of direction quite easily. If he were in a residential environment in the community this could become hazardous to himself as well as others. If he wandered away even a block or two from his residence it would be impossible for him to find his way back. This has been an issue in the past when he lived with us, his parents.

He was found wandering on a busy highway and did not know how to get home or how to tell someone where he lived. Being in a gated community where the traffic is controlled at a slow speed is the only safe place for my son. He loves his friends, staff, and the jobs that he is allowed to perform. Because of his health conditions it is vitally important that he have ready access to medical staff, doctors and medications. Please don't take that away from him or us. We are elderly and there is simply no other alternative for him.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I know of no other such secure environment where he could live and thrive.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree