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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Title: Licensed Dyslexia Therapist

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: My understanding is that one of the recommendations from the Advisory Commission is to do away with licensure for dyslexia therapists.

This is a license that lets parents know that someone working with their child is committed to going the extra mile to develop higher levels of skill and knowledge. The requirements for this license ensure a standard of care beyond what can be achieved through the majority of specialists in the public systems. Most importantly, the children who need this specific therapy deserve to have a therapist who, by maintaining the license, strives to stay current in research-based practices, networks with others in the field to share best teaching strategies and tools, and is committed to provide the highest standard of instruction. I am strongly opposed to abolishing licensure for dyslexia therapists and practitioners.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: My recommendation is to continue licensure for dyslexia therapists in order to provide oversight and opportunities for development in this field.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree