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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

First Name: Diana

Last Name: Ynostroza

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Mico

State: Texas

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

My sister, Delia Ynostroza, is 62 years old and has lived at the Corpus Christi SSLC since 1971 and before that was a resident at the Austin SSLC since 1961. Her complex intellectual and developmental disabilities require services that can only be found in an environment of a SSLC.

I have been her legal guardian since 2005, when our Mother passed away. I attend/participate in her annual Individual Support Plan meetings to discuss her health, injuries, living skills, goals and residential options. Ideally our family would love for Delia to be in a family home environment, but unfortunately her behavioral and medical issues make it impossible for her to transition from a SSLC to a Community based option.

We have explored community homes, but there are too many documented incidents of under supervised homes, where neglect and abuse go undetected. Since my sister is unable to speak, it's terrifying to imagine her not being able to disclose any type of mistreatment. The 5-percent lower rate of confirmed allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation in these group homes is not a compelling factor. Sure incidents occur at the SSLC's, but there is some comfort that different levels of oversight are a continuing presence through State Staff, DADS, DOJ, and DFPS.

I am not convinced of the claims of savings in the TSAC report: "Delivering services to a person for a year in an SSLC costs about \$113,000 more than serving that person in an equivalent program in the community." The state would still be obligated to fund and deliver services to all these new community homes. Where does the staffing and oversight come from? Where is the savings?

Contrary to the TSAC report, the Texas System of State Supported Living Centers is not broken. If it needs improvement, we should continue to rectify the areas noted in the DOJ settlement case. Our family strongly

opposes the closure of the six State Supported Living Centers, and particularly the Corpus Christi State Supported Living Center.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The State should continue to rectify the areas noted in the DOJ settlement case by adequately staffing professionals to care for the residents at the SSLC's and ensure they receive the highest degree of quality care.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree