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**To:** [Dawn Roberson](#)  
**Subject:** FW: The Sunset Review of the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities  
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**From:** Albert Bartlett  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 14, 2014 6:29 PM  
**To:** Sunset Advisory Commission  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** The Sunset Review of the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities

Sunset Advisory Commission

It is with sadness when I heard about the Department of Aging and Disabilities is forcing 75 people at the Austin State School to move to another location. The State Schools are providing a special home for special people that they could not get anywhere else. I know because I have a special son, James, who has been at Richmond State Supported Living Center (RSSLC), formerly Richmond State School, for several years. We see him almost weekly and take him out for a ride and to dinner. We normally are gone about 5 to 6 hours and when we take him back to RSSLC, he always is happy to return.

RSSLC provides everything for these special people, including medical treatment, socialization, training within the person's talents, visits to special events and places outside of the School.

I oppose the closing of these Schools that are providing a home like no one else can.

I'm willing to testify to prevent closing these Schools.

Albert L. Bartlett

**From:** [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)  
**To:** [Dawn Roberson](#)  
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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]

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To: Sunset Advisory Commission

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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

First Name: Albert

Last Name: Bartlett

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with: Richmond State Supported Living Center

City: Houston

State: Texas

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

The Texas Sunset Advisory Commission should not be allowed to make decisions on our State Supported Living Centers (SSLCs). These SSLCs are needed for our special people who have needs that are not available elsewhere. The SSLCs have doctors available, special facilities where residents can get treatments, social activities, off campus visits to special events for those that are allowed to go, training to the resident's capability, and several other things that are not available elsewhere.

I know, because my son, James, has been at Richmond SSLC for over thirty years, and he enjoys it there. My wife and I take James out almost weekly, for a ride and eating at Whataburger. When we bring him back, he is happy to return.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Abandon this agency.

Let our State Senators and Congressmen make decisions. We have too many departments in the Texas government that were not there several years ago.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree