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My wife and I have four children, the oldest 58, the youngest 50. Our 52 year old son has lived at the Corpus Christi State Supported Living Center (CCSSLC) since 1971. It has very much been his home for many decades. He is profoundly retarded and has been in a wheelchair for about the last ten years. We and his siblings love him very much. We visit him each week.

We are extremely opposed to closing the CCSSLC as well as any of the others around the state. We recognize that some people are well placed in group homes, but many, like our son, Brad, are much, much better situated in a SSLC. In a state as large as Texas, it is essential that visitation by family members not be made prohibitively difficult by markedly increasing travel distances. Visitation for many is already difficult now. If anything, we need more SSLCs, not fewer, but we recognize that costs prohibit that. But only costs, not lack of need. Reducing the number of SSLCs is heartless.

Don't do it!

The Blackburn family, Bill,
Barbara, Steve, Beth, Brad and Jon