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SUBJECT: Closing of Assisted Living Facility, Brenham.
Public Input to Sunset Commission.

Dear Committee Persons,

My name is Patricia Thomas-Duck, mother of Ginger Thomas. Ginger is a 38 year old, white, female resident on the Bowie D ward at Brenham Sate Supported Facility (BSSF.) Ginger and I relocated to Texas, from Louisiana, after the death of her father in 2011. We relocated in order to be near my daughter and her family in Missouri City, Texas.

Ginger was previously a resident in a facility similar to BSSF for over 30 years. During the period of time I was seeking placement for Ginger, I toured every facility within driving distances of my home in Missouri City, TX in an effort to find the best nursing care with the least restrictive environment I could find . I found that Brenham's has the best of nursing care, best of programs and least restrictive environment available.

I believe I am qualified to make that decision based on the fact that I am a Registered Nurse of over 40 years. Additionally I retired as a Health Care Administrator. Several areas of consideration are as follows:

1. Ginger is a tube feeder.
2. Ginger is a high risk for aspiration pneumonia.
3. Ginger has TMJ therefore cannot open her mouth which is obviously required for CPR.
4. Ginger as a quadriplegic requires total care ADL.
5. Ginger is non-verbal and unable to state her needs. She is not a candidate for a group home since I believe her safety would be compromised if she were to be placed there.

In summary, it is my heartfelt plea that you consider the medical and social needs, as well as the need for the least restrictive environment for all of these individuals. The heavy responsibility you have been charged with is not to be minimized; however, these precious patrons have their lives, safety, and security in your hands. This is a heavy responsibility that I do not seek to minimize or underestimate in any way.

I ask you to take Brenham SSF off of the list for possible closure. Brenham SSF has become their home and their security, and there hope for a somewhat stable future. Thank you for receiving this letter.

Most Sincerely,

DR PATRICIA A. THOMAS-DUCK.

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