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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

First Name: Sherry

Last Name: Etie-Wukasch

Title: Advocate

Organization you are affiliated with: SSLC

City: Austin

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I wish to express my interest in the recommendations for the SSLC located in Austin TX and all other State Supported Centers. These agencies serve an element of the population that do not have the ability to care for themselves. The resident that I am the advocate for has lived at SSLC for over 47 years. He is 80 years of age and in good health and would not be if care was not provided for him. Keep Open!!!!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The SSLC provides care, love, ability to communicate with a segment of our population that cannot always speak for themselves and this needs to be made aware to the Sunset Committee and other agencies. Please consider the needs that are in action and listen to Mental Health professionals and Doctors and Nurses that attend to this group of created individuals the same as you and I. Keep Open!!!!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

Jane Nelson  
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June 16, 2014

Senator Jane Nelson:

This correspondence is written to you for the concerns of the SSLC Austin. After many years (1993-2014) that I visit and have been an advocate for a resident, I am truly disappointed to hear of the effort to close the SSLC facility.

The SSLC is home to many residents that do not have the ability to help and take care of themselves. Many of the residents only know this facility as "HOME" and would not function well in another environment. The resident that I am an advocate for lived at the Austin SSLC over 47 years and is 80 years of age. He would not have attained age 80 if staff at his home, members of the campus, the infirmary, and the entire group of professionals had not given him care and comfort all these years. His mother died eight years ago and there are many of us still involved in his care.

A group home may provide for a person's needs in certain cases although the residents at SSLC were born needing care from citizens who have the capability to care for individuals such as the people.

The SSLC was located in the country when the state built this facility. Now this property is in Austin's prime land location. The residents no longer have needs to be attended to when the city could be receiving revenue money once this facility is closed and demolished.

Thank you for this time and for your work in the administration of the affairs of Texas government. Please consider families, residents, employees, and volunteers who give life, care, enthusiasm and guidance to the SSLC community.

Sincerely,  
Sherry Etie-Wukarsch

## *SSLC Letter to Reject Closing*

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