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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

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State: Texas

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

Dear Committee,

I and my church congregation fully support the sunset recommendation of closing the SSLC's and investing that money in giving benefits to all those individuals in the waiver lists for services and reinvested to cost-effective community services. I have been at the SSLC and broke my heart seeing how the people in there were treated and the living conditions were very disappointed. I was very sad after what I saw, and pray daily for someone to step up and close these institutions. On the other hand, I personally know several disabled church members that live in the community with their parents and see the love and care they get from their families, their attendants and the community. I Truly believe in the full integration in our community of people with disabilities and that they have a right to live in the least restrictive environment. I fully support the closing of the SSLC and believe that this Commission should be keep open until all SSLC are closed. I pray for the families and the individuals that currently live in the SSLC for their understanding that change is good, and that better things will come their way. In the name of God. I do ask that these families get some counseling, since they are scared of the unknown. And if needed, they be reimburse for their cost of traveling when visiting their love one after relocation. I asked for the employees that are also scare of this change to be offered job transfers or be able to keep their benefits. If we had a system that provides insurance for attendants in the community, maybe these state employees would not be so hesitant to move. Also, I recommend a higher reimbursement rate for community providers, this way we can have better prepared and willing to care for our disable community.

sincerely,
Daniel Flores

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: no

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree