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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

First Name: JOE

Last Name: GIRDNER

Title: Step-father of blind and mentally challenged son

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Bastrop

State: Texas

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

I strongly oppose the closing of any State Supported Living Centers (SSLC)

The argument to close SSLCs in favor of private care facilities need to consider:

- Clients in private facilities would have to provided the same individualized care plans as they receive in the SSLCs.
- With closure of SSLCs the private facilities would multiply exponentially. Inspections of these additional hundreds of, if not thousands of, facilities would have to be frequent and thorough. A large number of inspectors would have to be trained to carry out the inspections. Punishment for violations would have to be swift and severe which I am sure would result in court cases the state would have to pay for.
- The transition would take years and be painful. Taking clients out of the structured SSLCs could be very traumatic to certain individuals.
- Adding to the transition time would be training time for the private care workers. I would recommend these workers have to go through state provided training courses and then be individually licensed. The license would then have to be renewed yearly.
- It is my understanding Private Care Facilities' costs do not reflect Medical services provided and paid for by Medicaid. The Commission needs to research this claim and reevaluate the data!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Do not close any SSLC.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree