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To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
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Subject: Sunset Advisory Commission Hearing

It has come to my attention that the Sunset Advisory Commission is holding an hearing on the Sunset Review of the Governor's Committee on the Department of Aging and Disabilities Services on Wednesday, June 25, 2014. I am writing in support of the work of that Department.

I was sad when I heard that the Department was forcing people from the Austin State School to move to another location. In many cases, such moves cause great hardship to those involved and are not in the best interests of the residents.

The state schools provide a special home for special people. In particular, I am aware of the Richmond State Supported Living Center (RSSLC). The Center provides everything needed by their special people, including medical treatment, socialization, training within the individual's talents, and visits to special events and places outside of the school. I am acquainted with one such person, James, who has been at the RSSLC for several years. His parents participate in his care, and see him almost weekly to take him out for a ride and to dinner. They are normally gone for 5 to 6 hours, and when they return him, James is always happy to come back to the Center, his home.

These facilities provide homes and services for these special people that no one else can. I consider that these agencies are still sorely needed, and that their funds are well spent. I support their continued operation.

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