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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

First Name: Debbie

Last Name: King

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Spring

State: Texas

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

This is an outrage.. You are trying to close schools that have been helping people for years and to contract outside organizations and individuals who don't have the experience just for their monetary gain.

Where is your thinking? The individuals in these group homes are in a comfort zone and you want to disrupt their lives..

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please do not consider closing any of the state supported living centers

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

From: [Janet Wood](#)
To: [Dawn Roberson](#)
Subject: FW: Form submission from: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)
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From: Sunset Advisory Commission
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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: Debbie

Last Name: KIng

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Spring

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: My son Brandon has been at the RSSLC since December 2013. He has received wonderful care that he would not be receiving in a group home. His needs would not be helped like they are now. Please reconsider distributing the funds to any state supported schools, as opposed to any individual group homes.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I do not support my son living in a group home any time soon.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

June 22, 2014

Debbie King

Re: SUNSET ADVISORY STAFF REPORT AND DADS

We must care for our fragile individuals with IDD's ranging from very fragile to persons who cannot articulate their pain, needs, desires and those who also express behavioral problems along with intellectual deficiencies that need to be in a protected environment, which will not transpire in a community based home.

How do we uproot these individuals and place in community based homes and why are we allowing the Sunset Commission to make these decisions from a cost analysis that is not accurate? The commission fails to prove an "apples to apples comparison.

But the bigger question is how do we even begin to compare what a SSLC offers compared to a community-based environment? Residents of SSLC's require a much higher level of care. Proper care they will not receive in a community home and who will monitor this process properly?

We cannot begin treating our disabled like a number. The staff report on the Department of Aging and Disability is simply not true. What we all need to ask is how can we even consider closing SSLC's that are home to so many fragile dependent individuals? The report states the individuals will benefit being transitioned to a community group home; how can anyone make this statement with a clear conscience?

Texas is not broke and we must step up for our individuals who cannot speak for themselves. We must care and defend these impaired individuals as they did not ask for the life they were given but it is our responsibility to care for them and give them the best care they deserve. No one can prove a community-based environment is a comparable alternative for these loved ones. Please do not close any SSLC's - I fear the outcome if this happens.