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

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am opposed to the closing of SSLC's especially the Austin State Supported Living Center. My son has lived there for the past 8 years. He is a tall, handsome man with autism and mental retardation. Unfortunately, he can be extremely aggressive and dangerous due to his size. He puts people into choke holds. He also has an eating disorder, so he needs to have his food controlled. He did have uncontrolled grand mal seizures, but those stopped after being admitted to the AuSSLC. I have been very happy with his team. They have worked together to design a behavioral program that keeps him calm usually. He goes to workshop and goes to dances. He enjoys taking long walks around the campus. He would not be able to be handled safely in the community with his behaviors. It would take more than one person to contain him when he is aggressive. Also, I don't believe there are work opportunities in the community that he has at AUSSLC. He goes to workshop and does a recycling job there. Most of the community day programs are babysitting.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep the AUSSLC open.  
You can sell off part of the land that is not in use. They have already invested a lot in the infrastructure there. Do not throw away this investment.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree