

From: [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)
To: [Dawn Roberson](#)
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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2014 6:43 AM
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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

First Name: Susan

Last Name: Payne

Title: President

Organization you are affiliated with: PART

City: College Station

State: Texas

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

PART opposes the closure of Texas State Supported Living Centers.

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You have received information on the interest / waiting waiver list. Please note that while you may hear that people are “languishing” on this list, a large percentage are under the age of 22. This is relevant because this percentage does have the opportunity to access the very expensive services of ECI, public school and special education. To portray that people are not receiving any help or services is disingenuous.

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easily betray the people who we casually refer to as the greatest generation? A generation who took a man at his word. A generation who accepted sacrifice the likes of which most of us have never experienced, and accepted it grace and courage. The same generation that was ostracized and discriminated against when they had a child who was diagnosed with mental retardation is now ostracized and discriminated against for choosing the ONLY educational services available for their child, the Texas State Schools.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Seek the truth and rely on reality.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

From: [Amy Trost](#)
To: [Dawn Roberson](#); [Cecelia Hartley](#)
Subject: FW: Sunset hearing, June 25, Public testimony - PART/Susan Payne
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From: Susan Payne
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2014 7:21 AM
To: Alternate ID Sen. Jane Nelson; Four Price; Brian Birdwell; Juan Hinojosa; Dan Patrick; Charles Schwertner; Cindy Burkett; Harold V. Dutton; Larry Gonzales; Richard Raymond
Cc: Amy Trost
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