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Agency: DEPARTMENT AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DADS

First Name: Rolfe

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Title:

Organization you are affiliated with: Parent of an Autistic Child at Brenham State Supported Living Center

City: League City

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Potential Closure of DADS facilities in the State.. As parents of an autistic 20 year old boy currently living at Brenham State Supported living Center .. I wanted to express my concern that closing any of these facilities is even being considered..Texas as a state is already one of the worst states in the US with assistance for mentally and physically handicapped individuals in the nation. There is currently a waiting list of tens of thousands of individuals currently or in the future that will need some sort of assistance moving forward. I encourage you to tour the facilities to see that the individuals living there are in desperate need of this service.. To consider closing ANY of these facilities would be negligence!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Pick any number of state supported programs that do not involve physically or mentally handicapped individuals as Texas is already very underfunded in this area of dire need.. To consider closure of these facilities would be a grave injustice not only to the handicapped and their families but to the economies of the communities where the facilities are located..

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree