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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 have been a resident of Abilene, Texas for 35 years, and I am voicing my opinion against the closing of the Abilene State Supported Living Center.

This facility is one of only a few in the state that is equipped to handle the magnitude of care required for its citizens. They treat patients with care, love, and dignity, and I can't imagine what would happen if this facility is closed. Where would these patients and their families go without having to travel great distances to see loved ones? For many, I fear the closing of this facility would shorten the lives of many whose families don't have the resources to be able to relocate their loved ones.

Financially, the closing of this facility would mean over 1,300 people who would lose their jobs. Many of these employees have been employed at the Center for many years and are valued members of our community. Our local business base cannot absorb these unemployed workers and for those unable to find other employment, would force many citizens to move away. Local social services and city services would be unable to handle the marked increase in families in need of assistance.

For the good of these patients, their families, and the employees of the Abilene State Supported Living Center, I plead with the Commission to allow this facility to remain open and to continue to provide valuable services to those who desperately need it. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: No other recommendations

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree