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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

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Title: Guardian

Organization you are affiliated with: Brenham SSLC

City: Deer Park

State: Texas

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

To the members of the Sunset Commission:

Thank you for accepting input from family members and caregivers. These sweet people are our most vulnerable population and don't have anyone to speak for them except the ones who love them. Thank you for hearing our story.

My son Scott has been a resident at the Brenham State Supported Living Center since April 18, 2005.

This was not a decision we made lightly. We visited many facilities, including BSSLC, and even tried one community living facility. At the end of our "test" week, Scott had been to the hospital twice and was severely dehydrated. This particular community setting was closed 3 months later after investigations led to the exposure of many violations.

Sometimes a State Supported Living Center is the best, or in our case, the ONLY option. With Scott's medical and behavioral conditions, we are not a

fit for any of the other facilities or community situations. We have had great medical care at BSSLC and many of the caregivers seem to genuinely care for him. In a group home setting, there are usually no nurses or medical staff in the home. With a severe seizure disorder, sometimes immediate medical care is necessary.

My other concern is that some SSLCs may close or consolidate. I make weekly visits to my son. If he is moved to another facility, those weekly visits may not be possible. These visits are essential to his well-being and my peace of mind. I didn't want to put my son anywhere, but to salvage our family, I had no choice. I chose Brenham because it was close enough, had beautiful scenery, and had the medical experts to care for him.

Please listen to the families. We want our children to be safe and close.

Those are the only things most parents want.

Sincerely,

Scott's mom

Debbie Talley

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please just read my comments in the square above.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree