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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:

At the public hearing for DADS, I was pleased to hear that the Sunset Commission felt that 7 schools should remain open to accommodate those who choose an SSLC over a community placement. As guardian for my sister, I feel she is better served by the Brenham SSLC than any community placement currently available (This is her 3rd SSLC in 40 years). I was also not aware until the hearing that all people in a community group home are required to leave the property during the day—this alone makes it an untenable placement for my sister. I agree that continuing to keep 13 SSLC's open with a dwindling population is not in the taxpayers' best interest, however, the community options for the population are currently extremely limited.

My biggest concern is that if nursing homes and SSLCs are unable to meet state and federal mandates, how safe will the population be in Community Placements that pop-up to meet the new demand? I am also troubled that the Sunset Commission has requested to close the least successful of the schools but more importantly keeping the geographic layout relatively equal. I would hope the quality of the school is more important than the placement within the state. If the Brenham SSLC is slated to be closed, I am willing to move my Sister to a facility less convenient to me if it is a better facility. I would be very frustrated with the state system if a lesser institution remains open because of a geographical check-box.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: none

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree