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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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

I object to abolishing licensure for dyslexia therapists and practitioners.

This licensure informs parents and the public that the therapists or practitioners working outside the school system have adequate knowledge to help a dyslexic student improve in literacy and learn to read. I met a dyslexic child who cried when he recounted what happened with a franchise business that provided "reading intervention". The tutor tested him and told his parents that for \$3,000 and two years of tutoring, they could teach him to read and raise his scores to his grade level in school. The parents agreed to begin the tutoring. After just a few lessons, it was obvious to the child that they did not know how to teach him. He could not learn and remember what was presented to him.

Dyslexics learn in a specific way, different from other learners. Lessons must be multi-sensory, systematic and continuously repetitive. The materials covered must be more extensive than traditional learners. A specially trained person can make the difference between a reader and non-reader, between a taxpayer and a resident of TDC, between a functioning member of society and depressed person who doubts his own intelligence. We cannot turn our backs on these children. It takes a village to raise a child. We must protect all our kids. Keep licensure for dyslexia therapists and practitioners.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep licensure for dyslexia therapists and practitioners.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree