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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Shannon

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Title: Board Member

Organization you are affiliated with: READ - Reaching, Educating, Advocating for Dyslexics

City: Colleyville

State: Texas

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

I wanted to share my thoughts on why an objection of the recommendation to abolish dyslexia licensure is so critical.

As a parent with a dyslexic child, as well as a Board Member of an advocacy group for dyslexics, I find it imperative to have a licensing program in place to distinguish in the differences of highly trained dyslexia therapists. The certification that qualifies the highly trained individual sets the bar for a properly educated person to teach a dyslexic student HOW to read. A teacher that has a proper understanding of HOW a dyslexic student needs to learn to read, sets the child on a proper and successful path of literacy. This certification is also necessary because parents need to know who they can trust to support their child for success. ANYBODY can sell a desperate parent a story as to how they can teach their child, spend the time and money, and make NO impact for the child. Not only are time and money wasted, but a child's self - esteem is what is most compromised. Losing this licensing program would be a major setback for literacy in Texas!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: none

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree