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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am strongly opposed to the proposal to abolish the state licensure for dyslexia practitioners and therapists. To become a therapist involved many hours of classroom instruction as well as 700 hours of supervised clinical teaching. Having a state license allows the parents of minor children and the adult students I work with know that I am well trained and highly qualified. Parents should have a means to determine if the practitioner/therapist they hire is truly knowledgeable and qualified to work with a dyslexic individual.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: We should continue to move forward in this area, not take a step back. We should look at allowing dyslexia therapy to be covered by health insurance if provided by a licensed individual.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree