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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHSundefined

First Name: Cathy

Last Name: Hendrickx

Title: Licensed Dyslexia Therapist

Organization you are affiliated with: El Paso Bridges Academy

City: El Paso

State: Texas

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

I cannot emphasize how important continuing state licensure for dyslexia therapists is for the state of Texas as well as for my personal benefits. I work in a private school for dyslexic children in El Paso, TX. We are the only school offering such services. I received my language training at the Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas 29 years ago. We receive calls from all over the city for help - academic education, counseling, speaking engagements, support groups, and dyslexia identification. When the opportunity for licensure came along, I signed up immediately. It was amazing how many more doors opened allowing our outreach to expand. Our dyslexia testing is now widely accepted by both private and public schools.

Losing the license may affect our credibility in this area. For years, speech therapists have been given notoriety but language therapists have received little acknowledgement. With the title, Licensed Dyslexia Therapist, respect is given to a field that is growing leaps and bounds.

Please do not abolish an established door into helping children throughout Texas. Thank you.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please consider appointing a representative from El Paso to serve with your Commission.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree