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

I am in complete opposition to the abolishment of licensure for Dyslexia Therapists that was recommended to the DSHS. I pray that further investigation of this preposterous recommendation will be held. Dyslexia therapy is the lifeline to helping students with dyslexia learn to be functioning members of society. The services that are provided by licensed therapists are priceless to the parents who need answers that are not always forthcoming from the school districts, they are also in need of experts in dyslexia... this is who dyslexia therapists ARE. We're well trained, passionate and have found a way to tap into specific learning styles for this special population. The requirements for licensure are rigid and vigorous and allow for the best of the best to serve those in need. My husband, a severe dyslexic had no help as a child, he struggled with school, learning, reading on a daily basis. He rarely went to school, he dropped out of college because the reading was too much for him. He's compensated adequately enough to be employed in the technology industry, but though the dyslexia training I've completed, he's learned to read better, more efficiently and with far less stress and anxiety than once plagued him. So, don't just take my plea to abolish the recommendations from Sunset consider the words of a functioning dyslexic... "I wish I had this support when I was in school... things would have been so different for me, so much better..." Please DENY the recommendation from Sunset to abolish dyslexia licensures.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Mandate licensure for dyslexia therapists and practitioners. This will ensure quality and consistency within the profession.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree