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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: Opposed

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I am strongly opposed to the current suggestion that the state abolish licensure for Dyslexia Therapists under the sunset legislation. I was a child with undiagnosed dyslexia, and now a dyslexia therapist on a mission to make the education of those I teach better than I received as a child.

There are many schools who do not currently recognize or effectively help dyslexic children. My niece who lives in Kansas is a junior in high school and due to the lack of a dyslexia therapist in her educational plan, she is still unable to read above a primary grade level. Along her educational experience, she has had wonderful reading specialists who have tried to teach her to read, but since they lacked the specialized dyslexia teaching strategies...the educational system has failed her. This shows firsthand, the need for licensure of dyslexia therapists, as it helps to ensure that educators are properly trained in research-based methods to teach dyslexic children.

We have a team of dyslexia therapists who fight everyday for the future of the children we teach, and we implore you to do the same by NOT abolishing the Dyslexia Therapist's Licensure.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree