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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I am self-employed as a Licensed Dyslexia Therapist. I have also been a Certified Academic Language Therapist since 1984. I value the state licensure that identifies me as a Dyslexia Therapist. Holding a license helps parents and schools know that I am a highly trained dyslexia therapist recognized by the state of Texas. It distinguishes me from a "teacher-tutor" who uses the group techniques and methods that are in the schools when some of these dyslexic children need a more specialized and intense program delivered one-to-one. I keep current with the latest research in the field that continues to change and also employ the latest techniques in my private practice. Parents are often in a quandary about who to contact for an expert in the field, and who can deliver a research-based program in the context of diagnostic-prescriptive teaching.

It is vital that these identified children receive one-to-one multisensory structured Orton-Gillingham language approach from a private practice Licensed Dyslexia Therapist. I am self-employed, work as a private practice therapist and value my licensure that sets me apart from teachers and tutors.

When parents desperately need a highly trained person for their professionally diagnosed child who has not made progress in public and private schools, then it is imperative for them to have access to the list of licensed dyslexia therapists and practitioners. I see these desperate parents in my practice, and it is my sincere hope that the Texas Sunset Commission does not abolish the licensure for dyslexia therapists and practitioners. I have been proud to hold the license since its inception, and will consider it a setback if it disappears. Desperate parents and ultimately suffering children with dyslexia will feel the real loss. Please keep the Dyslexia Licensure. Karen L. Monteith M.A., LDT, CALT

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I do not have any alternative or new recommendations on this agency.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree