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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I oppose the recommendation to abolish licensure for dyslexia therapists and practitioners. The level of services provided by individuals who are licensed are needed for our struggling readers. The intensive training in understanding how these individuals learn best, and how to provide effective instruction cannot be duplicated without the high standards and training that licensing expects. Without continuing to hold these expectations high, reading instruction for students with dyslexia will not prevail as it so badly needs. Instead, I fear that the 10-15% of our population that has struggles associated with dyslexia will continue to fall through the cracks, and not meet their full potential. As an educator, if this recommendation is followed through with, then in my opinion we are moving backwards from meeting every child where they are and moving them forward. The overall success in our country is linked with literacy, and if literacy support is not there.....then what happens?

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: DO not abolish.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree