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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 strongly oppose the abolishment of licensure for dyslexia therapists. As a master degreed special education teacher of 20 years, I did not receive the training necessary to meet the needs of these unique children until I participated in the Scottish Rite training program and received licensure. Research shows that the neuroplasticity of the brain provides for improved function in the language processing areas after intensive dyslexia therapy is provided. After 700 required hours and two years of coursework and testing, I'm finally able to provide the unique therapy these children need. The results have been amazing, with children finally reading and writing with confidence, and developing their confidence to compete in this challenging world. Colleges of education are not preparing teachers for this special population, and given the future potential they have in our communities it is our responsibility to provide them with the proper intervention necessary.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The high expectations for receiving this licensure, as well as the provision of the license for those who meet them, should continue. It is a unique educator, with great skill and a high level of academic language expertise whom is needed to fulfill this critical role for our children.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree