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Good afternoon Commission Streamlining Task Force,

I am particularly concerned about the task force's proposal to combine the Human Services and Disability & Aging Commissions as well as the Dignity Fund Oversight and Working Group. I do not support this action.

Please consider the following:

1. Keep the Disability and Aging Commission in its current role as Governing Body
2. Keep the Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Council in its current role as an advisory body
3. Keep the Disability and Aging Advisory Committee as a federally required advisory body.
4. The overall impact of the proposed change is to reduce transparency and give the Mayor total (direct and indirect via his appointment power) control of what should be public input.
5. There's no good rationale to reduce the number of seats.
6. There is no plan for how to do that and keep diversity and representation from various constituencies.
7. The task force's proposal is really not going to save much money, and you lose thousands of hours of high-level volunteer time.

Sincerely,

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