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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Title:

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I have become aware of the proposal to move the Texas Midwifery Board away from the DSHS and over to the TDLR. This greatly concerns me, as I have had three children - the first two in a hospital under the care of an OB/GYN, and the last at a birthing center under the care of a midwife. Because the Texas Midwifery Board is housed under the state's health services department and is continually working to maintain the high standards of best practices and safety for women, I received the same level of care from my midwife that I did from my OB/GYN. I do not believe this would continue to be possible if the board for midwives is moved out from under the health services designation to the licensing the regulations department. Cosmetology and electrician licensing IS important - who wants a bad hair cut or subpar electrical installation and repair?! But these careers are NOT on the same training, skill or personal care level that a midwife is. I would not want to see my level of care reduced to standards less than what health services department would require of my midwife. Therefore, I would recommend that the Texas Midwifery Board stay under the DSHS. thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep the Texas Midwifery Board under the auspices of the DSHS.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree