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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 have experienced stellar care at a birth center, but due to financial/insurance constraints, I had to switch to a Medicaid-worked facility. In the event if a future pregnancy I would undoubtedly return to the birth center for a number of reasons, not the least of which is their unsurpassed degree of honor and respect for the birth experience as a mother's rite of passage. They are highly-trained, dedicated individuals who are rigorously examined before being licensed. Between that and their high level of integrity, they are some of the most trustworthy, capable hands available in which to place the lives of babies and mother's. I avoid the medical field for healthcare unless absolutely necessary because people too often play second fiddle to politics & money, and I have not liked my first-hand experience of that unfortunate fact. I cherish the midwives for their preference of empowerment and education over fear and hasty decision-making.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: ACOG/TCOG has given invalid arguments for prematurely revising midwifery protocols. As with doctors governing other doctors, and nurses governing other nurses, please leave the governing authority over midwives in the appropriate, capable hands of those who know best: midwives. Please don't taint a pure healthcare alternative with medical biases. Also, given that a review is not scheduled until 2016-2017, I hope the issue will be tabled until then; doing otherwise would raise my suspicions as to WHY premature action is being taken.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree