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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I had the privilege of being under the EXCELLENT care of Licensed Midwives for the birth of my son 9 months ago. It has come to my attention that the Texas Midwifery Board is under review, when the regularly scheduled review is not until 2016-2017 and that it has been recommended that the Midwifery Board be moved to another department. The Department of State Health Services is best equipped to regulate health care professions and it is crucial that the Midwifery Board maintain rule making authority in order to improve safety and maintain the highest standards.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The Texas Midwifery Board should have Licensed Midwives holding the majority on the Board since other Boards at DSHS and around the country have representatives from that profession holding the majority on the Board and that makes the most sense... they are the best equipped to see what changes need to be made and what needs to be kept the same. Also, the Texas Midwifery Board already requires standardized education and the NARM exam for Licensed Midwives specialized for out of hospital settings. They are excellently specialized to their area of expertise and their regulations and rules should not be influenced by any other profession. Licensed Midwives are not nurse-midwives practicing inside a hospital setting and should not be treated as such, as ACOG and TCOG are recommending. No changes are currently needed to the Texas Midwifery Board and revisions should be discussed during the 2016-2017 review. Thank you.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree