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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:

To whom it may concern;

I was lucky enough to have a beautiful birth, at home, with a licensed midwife. And I can't thank the powers to be that gave me the chance to do this. I was surrounded by my friends and family and feel that the comfort I had sincerely helped me "relax" during the birth of my beautiful daughter. I think it is important to allow women to have this choice, to have educated midwives at the birth of their children... I don't understand why you are trying to move the Texas Midwifery Board to licensing and regulation department when being a midwife is so obviously a health service issue not a regulation issue... From what we understand, the Midwifery Board isn't even supposed to be under review until 2016-17. So why is this even coming up right now? Please let things stay as they are right now. Home births and midwifery is a wonderful experience for women and as we explore this option for women we may need more help to make it safe, but at this time, the midwives and the women who have birthed with midwives would like you to table this review until the appropriate time.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: How can there be a conflict of interest with the board of Board of Midwifery if the board is compiled up of licensed midwives? Don't most boards hold professionals in the area they represent? And wasn't it during the last Sunset Review that this was decided that it was okay to have a majority of licensed midwives on the board? And why do ya'll think that women can just go out there and deliver any mom's baby that they can convince? The midwifery board already requires standardized education for midwives as well as exams that are needed to be passed before receiving a license... Please leave matters alone at this time and allow us to wait until the 2016-17 review. Nothing new needs to be down at this time... Thank You

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree