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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Kristie

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Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Bastrop

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I am writing as a concerned citizen in regard to the licensing and regulating of midwives in the state of TX, as well as the proposed changes to the make-up of the Midwifery Board. I would view any changes or regulations, which limit our options and access to midwife care, very unfavorably - and believe it would be a true disservice to the families, particularly mothers and babies, of our state.

A number of midwives (CPM, CNM, and licensed midwives) have provided the majority of my well-woman and childbirth care for nearly 2 decades. I have birthed six children in an out of hospital setting. The care of the midwives has always been conscientious, skilled, and nurturing. As a woman blessed with low-risk pregnancies, I have treasured the option to use a midwife at a birthing center or at home. Our family has full confidence in their abilities, and has never doubted for our safety or well-being under the midwives care.

In addition, never having more coverage than a major medical insurance policy, midwives provide a more reasonably priced and personalized service for our family than an obstetrician or hospital can offer. In this time of crisis in healthcare, I would appreciate the leadership of our state protecting, rather than limiting, my healthcare options.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kristie Ellison

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Please consider tabling any changes to the make-up of the Midwifery Board or it's law or rules until the review of The Texas Midwifery Board is due for Sunset Review in 2016-2017.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree