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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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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I disagree that the Texas Midwifery Board should be moved to the Department of Licensing and Regulation. I believe the Department of State and Health Services is best equipped to regulate health care professions. Also, as the Texas Midwifery Board is not due for Sunset Review until 2016-2017, I suggest that changes to the Midwifery Board or laws and rules related to the Board should be tabled until that review.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I believe that requiring licensed midwives to comply with ACME standards by taking the AMCB exam for certification will be detrimental to the Texas economy and severely limit access to maternity care in Texas. I had an extremely positive experience with my licensed midwives, and felt completely at ease with their level of knowledge, training and certification in an out-of-hospital setting.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree