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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: It is my opinion that the Texas Midwifery Board not be moved to the regulation by TDLR. It should continue to be regulated by DSHS. As a doula and instructor of natural childbirth, and as a mother who delivered two babies with a certified nurse midwife, I have so often seen the positive effect that midwives have on the birth community. Many doctors are in support with midwives on the subject of evidence based birth, and moving the TWB to TDLR can only hurt the advances that these doctors and midwives have made together. The Sunset Review Commission should table this discussion until the TWB's next scheduled review.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I do not believe that any changes are necessary for the Texas Midwifery Board.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree