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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Lauren

Last Name: Heitmann

Title: Mrs.

Organization you are affiliated with: While not affiliated with an organization, I am writing in support of licensed midwives in Texas.

City: Houston

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: After thorough research, I chose the care of a licensed midwife for 3 of my 4 pregnancies and births. The level of care the midwife provided my children and me was outstanding. I understand that the Sunset Review Commission is considering moving the Texas Midwifery Board from the Department of State Health Services to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. I strongly oppose this move as it will decrease the Midwifery Board's authority to do what it does best- ensure best practice standards for licensed midwives.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission make no changes to the Texas Midwifery Board and delay discussion of any revisions until the scheduled 2016-2017 review.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree