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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: For 30 years I and many of my friends and family have enjoyed safe and healthy home births with Texas midwives. Please do not change the make-up of the Midwifery Board or it's law or rules until its regular review date of 2016-17. Also, keep it with the DSHS, which is best equipped to regulate health care professions instead of moving it to the Dept. of Licensing.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Midwives should hold the majority on the Midwifery Board, just like doctors and nurses do on their boards. Please do not take any action that would threaten the work of ANY Texas midwives. They are incredible, talented, skilled and necessary health care professionals, and our economy and health would suffer if it were more difficult for them to practice. You may not realize just how many people support midwives both in and out of hospitals, and the demand is growing. I urge you to do what is best for Texas families and support midwives in all ways. Thank you.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree