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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:

I'm writing as a citizen of Texas and a mother who recently received the wonderful support of a midwife at the healthy birth of my first child. I strongly request no changes to the Texas Midwifery Board's law or rules until its 2016–17 review. Please don't move it to the Department of Licensing and Regulation. With DSHS good changes have been happening, and this board obviously needs to be situated in a department that has a good understanding of the health care professions and the complex situation surrounding modern midwifery. And the midwifery board absolutely needs to keep its rule-making authority so that it can keep up with best practices in this time when much research is being done and the practice of birth is constantly being improved.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: No changes are needed!

I have read that ACOG/TCOG have stated that there is a conflict of interest because Licensed Midwives hold the majority on the Midwifery Board. Midwives should hold this majority, as doctors and nurses do on their respective boards. Licensed Midwives are already subject to plenty of requirements and don't need to be turned into nurse-midwives in order to run their own board.

Nurse-midwives have their place but it is in the interest of the public to have midwives that operate outside of the medical hierarchy, and I chose one for my birth for that reason. Trying to put midwives out of business is a step backward, away from the positive steps this state is taking toward better outcomes for mothers and a lower cesarean rate. Please don't change the Texas Midwifery Board at all until its regular review in 2016–17.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree