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

First Name: Vicki

Last Name: Leatherwood

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Richmond

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:  
To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Vicki Leatherwood and I am writing this regarding the proposal to move the Texas Midwifery Board to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. This move would also take away the Board's rule-making authority, an ability crucial to continually improving safety and best practice standards.

I have experienced the excellent care of a Licensed Midwife through 3 pregnancies and births. I would strongly recommend the use of Licensed Midwives for pregnancy and birth as they are incredibly knowledgeable and experienced regarding natural, safe, healthy labor and delivery practices.

The Texas Midwifery Board should not be moved to the Department of Licensing and Regulation. DSHS is best equipped to regulate health care professions.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: No changes are currently needed to the Texas Midwifery Board and revisions should be discussed during the 2016-2017 review.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree