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

First Name: Jenai

Last Name: Marek

Title: Mrs.

Organization you are affiliated with: Mother of a child born in the care of midwives.

City: League City

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Any changes of the Midwifery Board should be tabled until the normally scheduled Sunset Review for the year 2016-17. Moving that Midwifery Board into the department of licensing and regulation would be an egregious error, as the DSHS is far better equipped to regulate health care professionals--which is exactly what midwives are. I do not support or condone taking Midwifery out of the DSHS in any way shape or form.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: My son was born in the care of midwives at a birth center. The laws as they are in place regarding midwifery care today were more than adequate, successful, appropriate, and fair to mothers and babies. Had I not been under the care of midwives, I believe doctors would have tried to take away my rights as a mother and parent and force a C-Section, which I believe is an infringement on my civil rights. This did not happen, because of the expert practices of my medical professionals: my midwives. With them, under the law, I was able to successfully give birth to my son the way God intended, and I believe the DSHS is a far better department with Midwifery under its umbrella of health service options, than it would be without them. Please consider keeping the Texas Board of Midwifery in the DSHS, as it is the most appropriate and legally sound place for these amazing medical professional. Not to mention the medical field is far better with their services, than without.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree