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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I have been saddened to see that it has been proposed that the Texas Midwifery Board be moved to the Department of Licensing and Regulation. As someone who recently had a baby under a midwife's care, I am startled and astonished that it has been suggested that a department not related to health have jurisdiction over midwifery. DSHS is the best option to regulate health care professionals. To move the Midwifery Board would eliminate its rule-making authority. They would no longer be able to improve safety and maintain best practice standards. This would make me feel uncomfortable, as though the State of Texas does not care about my health and safety if I choose a midwife's care.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

No changes are necessary to the Midwife Board. Furthermore, any suggestions for change should wait until the 2016-2017 review.

All around the country, midwives hold the majority on the board. There is no reason to change this. They are the experts in the field of midwifery and have undergone extensive training and testing to become licensed midwives. They should be allowed to exercise the authority in their field.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree