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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I understand that potential changes are underway regarding board oversight of licensed midwives in the state of Texas that could have serious negative ramifications for women. The proposed shift of oversight of the Texas Midwifery Board (TMB) under the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) is completely illogical. How will birthing women and their newborn babies benefit by having their health care professionals managed by a board with no experience in healthcare issues? This smacks of powerful bureaucrats coming between women and their choices for healthcare. I've personally had my fill of that!!

I have had three home births with three different licensed midwives (all highly qualified--the reasons for different midwives had to do with circumstances completely unrelated to the excellence of each) since moving to the state of Texas. I was so grateful to have this choice when I was giving birth. I want to see that preserved for my two daughters. Of all the things over which women should have an increase in options and personal empowerment, how and where they give birth is foundational.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Women are smart and can make informed decisions that give them and their babies the best start together. Please: Don't Mess with Texas Midwives!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree