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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 the Texas Midwifery Board is up for review by the Sunset Review Commission in the not too distant future and there is the possibility for it to be moved from the DSHS to the Dept of Licensing and Regulation. I hope there will not be any changes until that time. In the past the Sunset Review Commission has not approved the idea of moving the Texas Midwifery Board to the Medical Board or the Board of Nursing. A decision well made; it doesn't make sense to group them with medical professional because they are not, nor claim to ever be, medical professionals. The board should be made up of people that best understand what midwives do and impact they have on the community and economy. Not to mention of the quality of maternity care midwives provide and how is vitally important to keep this excellent option for women and that it follows the best practices and safety standards. The Dept of Licensing and Regulation has no health care experience and it would not be an improvement by making this change.

I have given birth to my three children under the care and guidance of a very professional, very experienced midwife. She is meticulous to follow the guidelines and laws require of her and I hope that those who make the decisions governing her valuable work understand well what she does and allow her to continue her important work.

My husband and I, both college graduates, own several small businesses and so understand both the weight of this from a business perspective as well as a consumer. The decision to use a midwife was not undertaken without great care and forethought. There was a great deal research as well as seeking professional medical care. We could not be happier with the care we have received from our midwife and the birth center. As a consumer and a business woman, but most of all as a mother, of all my accomplishments my children are my greatest, I thank you for your important work you and for your consideration.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: n/a

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree