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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: The Texas Midwifery Board should not be moved to the Department of Licensing and Regulation. They are part of a medical profession, helping mothers like me, deliver babies in the best scenario possible. They are not a group that is just about licensing and regulations. I have had two very successful births with a midwife and I would not use anyone else for future births unless there were complications. They are all well informed and there are already practices in place to make sure they are practicing within the laws of Texas. They do not need to be moved, thus giving up the rights that they currently have or the rights women that use their services have.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: No changes need to be made to the Texas Midwifery Board. They already comply with the laws and take all the standard and necessary exams to become Licensed Midwives. They do not need to be subjected to other exams based on what ACOG and TCOG think.

The Texas Midwifery Board already requires certain qualifications and standards. If you change the laws, it will put many midwives out of business and cause major issues with the women that use them. Healthcare costs will rise if you do this.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree