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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:
Honorable Jane Nelson
Sunset Advisory Commission

Re: Sunset Advisory Commission recommendation to move the Texas Midwifery Board from the Department of State Health Services to the Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Dear Senator Nelson and Commission Members,

To relegate the profession of midwifery to the purview of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation would be a grave disservice to the women and babies of Texas.

Midwives are often the only healthcare provider many women are able to see due to many circumstances including lack of access to affordable care either from poverty or the absence of a qualified healthcare providers in their region of Texas. Midwives are frontline providers of general healthcare education that promote healthy pregnancies and healthy lifestyles.

Making the Midwifery Board purely advisory will jeopardize the safety of mothers and babies by placing an administrative barrier to evidenced based best practices which continually evolve and are best defined by the healthcare providers practicing in their respective fields.

I urge the Commission to seek other methods to improve efficiency between disparate agencies that do not harm or

place undue burden upon the mothers and children it is charged to protect.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Sprinkle

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

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My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree