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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Rachel

Last Name: Wicker

Title: No changes needed for Board of Midwifery

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Leander

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Last year I was honoured to have licensed midwives guide me through a healthy pregnancy and attend to the safe birth of my very healthy first child. I look forward to continued care from them with any future children born in the safety and security of my own home. I have never received the level of care that I have received and look forward to receiving from my midwives in my home. They encourage my family to take charge and be responsible for our health. This model of care is continued in our home and we are all healthier for it. As a result our health care costs have decreased. Because midwives improve the health of their community, the Department of State Health Services is best suited for the board of midwives. Midwives are huge advocates for our health.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Just as doctors are majority in the medical board and nurses the majority in the board of nursing, midwives must continue to be the majority in the board of midwifery. Doctors are not trained in the roll of midwives and must therefore not act in place of these irreplaceable professionals.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree