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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: No change should be made to the Midwifery Board at least until it is due for review in 2016-2017. Midwifery should not be moved to the Department of Licensing and Regulation. Midwives are responsible for the health care of many women, their unborn and newborn babies. As such they should remain under the umbrella of the Department of State Health Services since that is what they provide, health services. I have experienced the outstanding care of two midwives for prenatal care and education as well as one wonderful, uncomplicated, healthy birth. I would be very disappointed to learn that a foolish decision was made to negatively effect the midwifery profession or the ability of women to freely choose midwives as their care providers.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: ACOG/TCOG have stated in their comments that there is a conflict of interest due to Licensed Midwives holding the majority on the Midwifery Board. However, doctors hold the majority on the Medical Board and nurses hold the majority on the Board of Nursing. During the last Sunset Review, it was the Sunset Review Commission that chose to give midwives a majority on the Board since other Boards at DSHS and around the country have practitioners from that profession as the majority on the Board.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree