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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD PLUMBING EXAMINERS

First Name: Joe

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I have been working in the plumbing trade since 1969. I received my Journeyman's license in 1974 and my Master's license (M1037) in 1980. I have been around a long time and have seen a lot of changes over the last 49 years. In August of this year I submitted some observations, comments, and recommendations for TSBPE. I am certain that my recommendations were similar to comments made by a large number of my peers.

- 1) I mentioned that TSBPE brings in a little over \$5,000,000 annually and actually keeps less than half as an operating budget. I recommended that they keep a larger percentage of that \$5,000,000 for their operations.
- 2) I pointed out the growing number of unlicensed people doing plumbing work illegally. There are plumbing contractors that use these unlicensed people as contract labor. This process started largely in residential construction in the metro areas during the early 90's. It is now showing up in commercial construction. I did not see any specific intent to address this problem in the report summary. Could it be that there is no plan to stop this process?
- 3) Basically, I expressed my opinion that TSBPE should be the regulatory agency for the plumbing trade, not a bunch of nameless faceless bureaucrats at TDLR. These bureaucrats know next to nothing about what the plumbing industry needs yet you recommended that TDLR be our regulating agency.

I could go on but what's the point? I believe you folks knew what you would recommend long before the review process began. Yes, TSBPE has problems, beginning with the current administrators but a move into TDLR is not going to correct those problems. The problems we have now will become different problems tomorrow.

I saw that you projected TDLR could save \$768,000 or so annually by cutting out three TSBPE positions. Early on in the report summary you mentioned they were under staffed. Just sayin'

Something you need to remember; if you break it you own it and you get to fix it. Good luck with that.....

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I, along with many other plumbers, have already made my suggestions.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree