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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

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

I agree that the Driver Training Programs need reform. However, some of the changes to statute that are recommended could have devastating consequences not only to the industry but to public safety as well. I have been in the driver training industry for 27 years and witnessed the need for some of these statutes. Please consider why the statutes were initially passed.

4.1: I agree the Drug and Alcohol Driving Awareness Program (DADAP) is antiquated and no longer useful. Many of the courts require offenders to take the longer courses regulated through TDLR's Offender Education.

4.2 & 4.3: These courses were established because of a demand by judiciaries to have young offenders and safety belt offenders attend courses that were more tailored to their offenses.

4.5: It is important that courses are taught by fully trained instructors. Especially since certificates are being issued and submitted for ticket dismissal. To remove the licensing and regulation of instructors would devalue the course offerings.

4.6 The required minimum fee was put into place to ensure integrity in courses. Removing it would give online courses an unfair advantage over brick & mortar courses, who have higher operating costs.

4.8: It is important that courses are taught by fully trained instructors. Driving a car is the most dangerous thing that most people do everyday. Drivers put themselves and others at risk every time they enter a roadway. It is imperative to public safety that the instructors have the base knowledge of the Highway Transportation System and rule and regulations for its use in Texas. Furthermore, instructors should be aware of effective teaching techniques and different learning styles of students. By removing the licensing requirements there will be no industry standard for instructors. That would have a negative impact on our industry which will have a negative impact on public safety.

4.9: I agree there should be more collaboration between these two agencies.

4.12: I agree the recommendation to streamline the curriculum approval process. The curriculum is basically set in statute of what must be covered.

What is being required to be submitted for approval is more in line with lesson plans. Having schools certify their courses are meeting the standards should be sufficient.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Not at this time.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree