From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Trisha Linebarger</u>

Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission

Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 4:27 AM

To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>

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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD PLUMBING EXAMINERS

First Name: Stephen

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State: Texas

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

Sir or maam, the TSBPE has been improperly reviewed and is a totally necessary entity to ensure the well being of the public. The reason for the demerits listed in the reports is directly related to being under funded for many years. The board is understaffed and underpayed and simply cannot meet the demands for the volume of requests placed on its shoulders in a timely manner. This is not TSBPE's fault, therefore, the agency should not be terminated based on the findings of the TDLR.

The limit of the board is only determined by the amount of funds it receives to perform its duties.

To dissolve its function would put the plumbing trade in a downward spiral that can and will cost precious Texans their lives! Quality of work on water supply systems, sewage systems, and even hospital medical gas systems would decline to the cost of our public. Not good! Lowering our standards would mean descending as a society and thats not a world I want my child or yours to grow up in! I worked very hard to achieve a master plumbers license for the past 17 years. I've buried my wife, who died of cancer, in the process.

To think that someone is going to try and null and void what I have worked so hard for is highly offensive! I am a United States veteran and would still lay down my life, in a single heartbeat, for my country or one of its members. We are all servants in some form or fashion and we should consider every detail when examining matters that deal with public health and quality of life. The Texas Plumbing Board should be expanded not dissolved! We should raise our standards as men and women of honor and not fall into mediocrity at the cost of our fellow man. Please keep the TSBPE alive and enhance its function so that we all can be proud to fly our red, white, and blue flags

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

We are the greatest people on earth because of our forefathers beliefs and values! They did NOT give up! Do what is right and grow the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree