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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 do not agree with these proposed changes for Driving Safety Schools.

I don't agree with 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.12 and 4.14 .

4.4 Driving Safety Schools need a license so that the public knows that they are Driving Safety Schools.

A School license ensures that the classroom is the right size and in a stable location, not inside someone's home or garage.

4.5 I have been a Defensive Driving Instructor for 20 years here in Lubbock, Texas , we need to have a

Instructor License because that way we have the knowledge to share important safety information to help people drive safely and stay safe.

Allowing just anyone to teach driving safety without a license lowers the information people receive because they have not been exposed to the knowledge someone with a license brings to the classroom.

Without a Defensive Driving license, how would the public know if the instructor could even drive a car, because without a Defensive Driving license, do they even have a Driver's License or even know how to drive ? Was their Driver's License Suspended for too many tickets ?

Having a Defensive Driving License lets the public know that that person is a professional Driving Safety Instructor.

4.6 Defensive Driving minimum fee of 25.00 is important because it levels the playing field between In Person Defensive Driving and Online Defensive Driving , a lot of people like my Mom don't have internet and don't know how to do anything on the internet and so they need the In Person classes.

If all there is, is the online class then lots of people would be unable to do a Defensive Driving course.

Some Courts insist on In Person classes.

4.12 Curriculum Review ensures that Driving safety curriculum is about safety.

4.14 Listing Defensive Driving Courses ensures that the Courts (Municipal Court, JP Courts) can direct students to local In Person Defensive Driving Schools.

Some Courts direct people to the TDLR web site to find a local In Person Defensive Driving Class, they may be unable to find a local class if it is not listed.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

There is already an advisory board that advises TDLR on the driving safety industry for consumers, you

Should follow their recommendations.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree