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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 11:09 AM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>  
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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD PLUMBING EXAMINERS

First Name: Pat

Last Name: Edmonds

Title: Master Plumber

Organization you are affiliated with: Hardin County Contractors

Email:

City: Kountze

State: Texas

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

A strong, independent plumbing board serves an important need in this state.

I have read the recommendations from the Sunset Advisory and the response letter from the TSBPE. The Sunset Advisory is overlooking what is truly important, that is the health and welfare of the people of Texas. In a 43 page letter dated Nov. 26, the TSBE, on page 7 makes this point very clear.

These broad stroke changes proposed by the Sunset Advisory do not take into account the impact this would have on the health and safety of the people who use sanitary plumbing.

Plumbers are the first line of defense against diseases of all sorts. A sanitary drinking water supply and sewer disposal is critical to protect our people. The TSBPE plays a vital role in assuring the people of this state that the plumbing systems they depend on each day will be safe. The licensed plumbers of this state need an independent board that has this crucial industry at heart.

Changing the licensing structure, handling backlogged requestes for exams, improving efficiancy ect.. are all things that the TSBE can handle with proper funding. I am aware of the requests made for additional funding and new staff postions to help the board achieve their goals, and I am aware of the denials. Give them the resorces they need.

Please keep the health of our people as the top prioity in these considerations. I know that the TSBPE and the licensed plumbers of this state do.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: None

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree