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To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>
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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD PLUMBING EXAMINERS

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City: Granbury

State: Texas

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

The TSBPE protects Texas citizens against the health and safety hazards that can result from improperly installed plumbing, gas, and medical gas systems.

To protect the public's health and safety, the TSBPE ensures plumbing professionals are qualified, competent, and adhere to established professional standards.

It is mentioned multiple times in the Staff Report that the board not only does not cost the State of Texas money but instead pays back into the general fund with proceeds. If the TSBPE was to be able to fully funded as requested funds to better equipped with more inspectors, better computer systems, and general operating cost, I believe the Sunset Commission would see how effectively the TSBPE can operate. It appears that the TSBPE has been set up to make it look like it has been mismanaged, when lack of funds to make the Board look like it is mismanaged. This need to be corrected. Getting rid of the TSBPE turning it over to the TDLR would not protect the Citizens of Texas. Plumbers do protect the Safety and Health of the Nation and the TSBPE has done a good job of testing new plumbers to ensure that our schools have properly installed natural gas piping systems, clean drinking water that is not tied directly into the irrigation or HVAC cooling water, hospitals have properly installed Medical Gas Systems so your family members get Oxygen not Vacuum when required, etc.

I am a licensed Plumbing Inspector, I also hold a Mechanical Contractor License under the TDLR since the first year a license was required in the 1980's. Being under the TDLR is a joke! The only person required to have a license is the contractor. There is no requirement for any licensing or any requirements to prove knowledge or ability to properly install HVAC systems properly and safely. Any one meeting the requirements to take the contractor test can take it. No business skill is required to go into business as a Mechanical Contractor. The quality of workmanship is deplorable. This trade is filled with unskilled people doing the work. I love the fact that plumbers are required to be above this type of mismanagement by a State Agency.

I do not support the proposed change to regulating plumbing under the TDLR.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

The TSBPE needs to be fully funded as requested funds to better equipped with more inspectors, better computer systems, and general operating cost so it does run efficiently.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree