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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD PLUMBING EXAMINERS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: My name is Cody Frank and I'm a master plumber in the trade for 12 years. I fully support the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners and strongly oppose being regulated by TDLR. TDLR has no business regulating something they know nothing about. The TSBPE lives, sleeps and breathes plumbing....it is not an obligation to them...it is their livelihood and passion. Plumbers protect the health of the nation by supplying clean, potable water. We go to classes and spend THOUSANDS of hours perfecting our craft, which gives us the ability to keep our communities safe.Plumbing is not something that can be learned over a short period of time, I have been in it 12 years and am constantly learning. TDLR is crazy for wanting to take away the practical exam and just go to written. This will be the beginning of the end for our trade as every "handy man" and "jack of all trades" will be starting plumbing companies. Quality of work will suffer tremendously as unskilled, untrained people begin to practice this trade. Not to mention the health factors this creates with possible contamination and cross connection of public water sources by untrained hands. Medical gas is also ran by plumbers and this is some of the most life critical systems there are....nobody but skilled, prideful, TRAINED people deserve to run these systems.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: More of our money needs to stay in house and not be divided up into a state fund that goes to many different agencies. A lot of our problems come from very low funding and could be fixed with more. Plumbing is a serious thing that can cause harm to the community....choosing to spend a little more money on it should be a no brainer.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree