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To whom this may concern,

I have some concern's on what was proposed here recently for the plumbing board.

- 1. Will your changes de-value license if we don't hold up the same standards as we have been held to for so long. Such as testing, RMP possible being changed to Plumbing contractor and so forth.
- 2. Secondly Why would we want to reconsideration of direct supervision requirements on apprentices. Let be honest they need supervision to ensure they are doing the work properly. This should not be a case to case choice. If we all this we allow for a lot of mistakes to happen in the field.
- 3. Eliminating the hands on aspect of exam is also very important. If we don't do this as well and physically see that individual can do the work then what are we doing here. Seeing is believing and also helps with bad practice In the field. This is a winwin for both owners and board.

We have such a high standard on what we do because what we do matters. And if we don't regulate those who can and can't perform the work we do on a day to day basis we will ensure the failure of our trade. I also don't agree with a third party testing agency as well. Most of any third party agency don't now plumbing and more then likely never installed it a day in there life. The very opening of the exam for journeyman for instants goes over backflows and shows why and how they work with seeing how it does everything. There are reasons to why this has been the way it has been for so long and it is to ensure we get the best qualified people out there in the field to properly do the work.

I don't want some average joe blow to go take a pre course for exam if they have never done the work or is not ready to perform at higher level. This should concern everyone who is a home owner or business owner if we allow our standards to fall.

Thanks,

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