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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2018 6:27 AM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>  
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD PLUMBING EXAMINERS

First Name: Stephen

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Organization you are affiliated with:

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I oppose the dislovement of the TSBPE. I feel that it will be a detrimental blow to our industry. I'm a 4th generation Master Plumber, my Plumbing lineage predates the Board. Plumbing has been my whole life and my goals were to earn my Masters, I've accomplished that and now I'm in jeopardy of losing my RMP. I have 2 drain cleaners employed, if their endorsements are dissolved, it will leave 2 young men without jobs. They will no longer be able to perform their job duties and they will be expected to keep their current pay. This will drive costs up to consumers because I won't be able to decrease their pay to a straight apprentice rates, lose the income of their truck, and keep costs the same. It will decrease my company's bottom line. It's hard enough to find good help, especially licensed plumbers, as it is.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep the TSBPE, allow them more funding for more enforcement field agents, and increase the penalty for performing plumbing without the proper license to a Class B misdemeanor.

A jailable offense may curb a lot if the individuals breaking the law. The Class C charge isn't a deterrent. They get caught, get issued a fine, they pay it and keep on going because they're making enough money to afford it or, they don't pay it, it goes on their credit, and they keep going.

Placing them in jail might slow them down. It won't stop it but, it will slow them down. It's a felony to practice medicine without a license. If a doctor messes up, they can kill 1 person. If a plumber, or handyman, messes up, they could kill a whole house full or contaminate a whole cities water supply. It's our job to protect the health of the nation, keep our board, and fund them so that can continue.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree