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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I feel that our trust with the court system in Texas would be in jeopardy if we do away with the current instructor licensing and the thorough curriculum reviews now in place. I am opposed to changing these. In addition, simply listing an instructor or provider name on a list for the consumer to make an informed decision on which class to take sounds burdensome on the customer. Someone taking a defensive driving class should be able to make a decision by a company's name. Many of these school names have been in existence for decades and are trusted by the public. Also, doing away with the \$25 minimum fee is a bad idea. I definitely oppose that recommendation. Online defensive driving providers will be the only beneficiaries if the \$25 minimum is dropped. Holding in-person classes is more costly on a per person bases.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

According to the staff report on page 57 -- ... the Legislature has streamlined some aspects of the regulation and TDLR has embarked on a multi-phase process to amend the rules. The rule changes, which the agency expects the commission to approve later this year, are extensive and will simplify numerous provisions, implement recent legislation, and reduce fees. According to this statement, it sounds like this agency is already addressing many of these concerns in-house with the guidance of the industry advisory board.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree