

From: [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)
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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 7:37 PM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>
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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD PLUMBING EXAMINERS

First Name: Forrest

Last Name: Leonard

Title: Owner / Diversified Plumbing / Texas Master Plumber #39492

Organization you are affiliated with: Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners

Email:

City: Longview

State: Texas

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

Respected Members of The Sunset Commission; My name is Forrest Leonard, I am a licensed Texas Journeyman and Master Plumber.

Plumbing has been my chosen profession for over 20 years. I began my work in the pipe trades as a Pipefitter in the late 1980's and have continued in the trades to this day. Over those years I have honed my practical skills and knowledge through an apprenticeship, a rigorous but fair set of examinations and untold hours in the field practicing my profession. Thankfully the State of Texas has kept the high standards of verified training, code knowledge and practical skills testing to verify an individuals ability to perform plumbing work for hire. In doing so the state has overseen protection of our potable water supply to homes, schools, hospitals, restaurants and all facilities used for housing and or healthcare or enterprise. The Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners serves a vital role in protecting the health of all Texas citizens and all who visit our state. By creating and maintaining rules and procedures including examinations and specialized endorsements The Board assures that piping for water, natural gas and medical gasses are installed correctly and protect the safety and well being of our fellow citizens. It is my desire to see that this critical independent agency be allowed to continue their work in verification of ability through testing, enforcement of Rules and Laws, and protection of Texans health. Ladies and Gentlemen please consider that all who currently hold plumbing licenses issued by the State Board have most likely helped provide the clean water for your coffee, and cooking, bath and hygiene needs that we often take for granted because of the fine job and high standards established and proven through the board. To abolish or diminish this agency in any way is in my opinion short sighted at best and treacherous at worst. I appreciate the opportunity to offer my input and once again ask that you keep the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners independent and let it continue to fulfill its important role.

Regards,

Forrest Leonard

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I suggest that the Texas State Board of Plumbing

Examiners be kept intact as an independent agency.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree