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Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 8:25 PM
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

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City: Austin

State: Texas

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

Recommendations opposed:

1-The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation could more effectively regulate Plumbers.

A-Combining the plumbing licensing with 39 others licensing divisions will not adequately provide the state of Texas with the qualified applicants.

Texans deserve to have license plumbers that have had proper training. The Plumbing Board was established for the purpose of testing applicants that have had many hours with hands on experience under the supervision of license plumbers. I think we should seek to find an answer of how to fix the problem instead of pushing a problem under the umbrella of a larger state agency. I am proud to be a Master Plumber in the state of Texas because I know that the other plumbers I work with have put in the training it takes to install a system that will be safe and work the way it was intended.

2- Overregulation and Complex License Requirements inhibits entry and growth to the Plumbing Industry.

A- They say we learn from our past. Unless we teach our upcoming plumbers of mistakes that have been learned from our past they will repeat the mistakes that have been made before. Thus putting fellow Texans (your voters) at risk for health problems as well as life safety. The back flow prevention all came about many years ago from legionaries disease. After the investigation it was determined that the city water was contaminated by a vat that had back siphoned into the water system. Sure this could be put in a book to teach the new people coming into the trade but without the ability to read the book they cannot learn what it says. We shouldn't push the people through just to please the people with the money that run these big contracting companies. In the end there will be many law suites due to a so call plumber installing a system and killing people. This could even happen to you!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I think the problems should be addressed. If it takes funding to do this the Plumbing Board should be given some of the money they take in form fines or other funds that are takeaway and given to other agencies.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree