From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Trisha Linebarger</u>

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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission

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To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>

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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD PLUMBING EXAMINERS

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

For the first issue regarding the TSBPE (Texas State Board of Plumbing

Examiners) lack of keeping up with the publics demand of licensing, I suggest opening smaller branches of the plumbing board throughout the state. This will make it easier for those who wish to get licensed and help relive TSBPE of the constant flow of people from all regions of Texas trying to get licensed. This will immensely speed up the process of licensing and will be more efficient. I would fear that by transferring TSBPE under TDLR will make things worse and that we will loose intricate parts of plumbing that was set in place to protect the publics safety to access clean water.

For issue 2

Any trade or job that you start you always have to go through training, it is no different with plumbing. The reason that TSBPE requires you to have 8,000 hours of experience and to complete a training course is because there is so much to plumbing that we need to learn before we should go off on our own.

What most people see for plumbing is the fixtures, they done see the in wall work or the underground work that we do to make sure that everything runs smoothly to keep your water safe and the sewer gas out of your house. If you start allowing anyone to work without proper training and a good base knowledge of plumbing is a recipe for disaster and years of finding mistakes that will need to be fixed.

Issue 3

With more branches of TSBPE throughout Texas in different regions it will make it easier to address the publics complaints sooner and to investigate and if necessary reprimand companies who are doing wrong.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The TSBPE is necessary to ensure that all plumbing work being preformed in the state of Texas is up to code for the protection and safety of those living here. Texas is the biggest state in the U.S.A and to think that one small building could accommodate every single person wanting to receive a plumbing license as well as respond to the publics complaints is naive. That is why I suggest making branches of TSBPE throughout Texas so that more people will be able to get a license and so the publics complaints

will get answered faster and that issues will be addressed and corrected in a timely manner.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree