

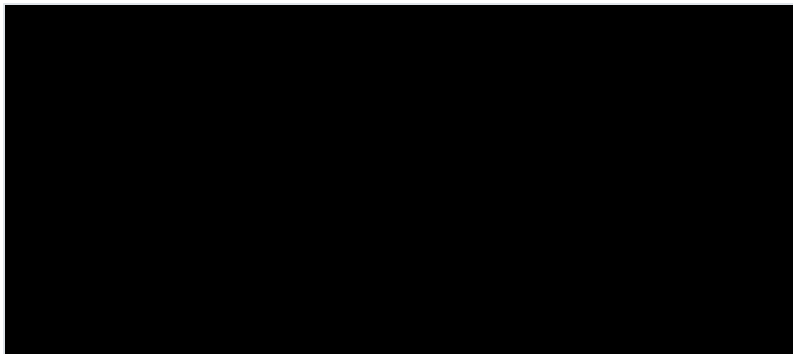
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Good Afternoon,

I am listening to the Live Stream of your 12-12-2018 meeting today. I can't help but to mention that the biggest thing you can do to help consumers in the state of Texas is to start regulating the advertisers such as Yelp, Thumbtack, Home Advisor. Here is a news story regarding Home Advisor. They are currently being sued in California-

[News 5 Investigates: HomeAdvisor faces lawsuit over screening process for contractors](#)



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Yelp, Facebook, Thumbtack , Home Advisor and Next-door App all allow unlicensed handyman to advertise in Plumbing, Electricians, and HVAC categories.

Until the State of Texas can start regulating these Advertisers, there will still be a RISK to home owners.

These shady companies are giving home owners a false sense of security. They are making it extremely hard for the honest and ethical contractors to compete.

I hope this helps,

Thanks so much,

Brian Reagan