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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 6:58 AM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>
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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD PLUMBING EXAMINERS

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Organization you are affiliated with: Always Available Discount Plumbers, Inc.

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State: Texas

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

My father told me when I was very young that you should never fix something that is not broken. In your summary you list the things you think are wrong with the TSBOPE. Some of the things I agree with, but they are all very easily fixable, or they are the product of Legislation. You skim over the shortage of employees at the board office, and on the governing body. Then you spend a lot of time talking about how things are backed up in the day to day operation of the board office. Why not give the Board some more of the money that we plumbers send in the way of license fees and let them hire the help needed to clear up most of the problems you have found and mentioned in your report.

As for the problem of going to Austin to take the test for our licensed, that could be resolved by giving the written part of the test at local sites, and the practical part in Austin where they have the materials and knowledge to give it properly. Going to Austin is not that big of a burden on us as plumbers since most of the companies pay us to get our advanced certifications/ licenses. The time we spend on the job training is important, but showing that we have learned all the aspects of the job is also very important to us when we make hires. How would you like to go to a Doctor who only had to take a test to get there license and not had get on the job training as an intern.

Fix the minor problems with the Board. Do not put us into the mix of other agencies. I do not want to be part of an license board that is a Jack of all trades, and a Master of none.

Thank you for your time, but PLEASE do not fix something that is not broke.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Just give us the time, help, and money to fix the minor things that are wrong, but leave the Board in place for the Health and Safety of the citizens of Texas.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree