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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
Sent: Friday, December 7, 2018 4:16 PM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>
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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD PLUMBING EXAMINERS

First Name: William

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Title: Piping superintendent (retired)

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: Round Rock

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: It has come to my attention that the Plumbing Examiners Office is under review to be possibly combined or taken in under another state agency.

As someone who has been involved in the plumbing industry for over 40 years I feel this is a bad idea. In all the years that I dealt with this agency through licensing or testing they have been professional. Through continuing education classes as a licensed plumber we are reminded yearly how woefully understaffed this agency is by the size of the areas that individual inspectors cover and I can't imagine that this is in anyway an attempt to increase their staff. If this agency was continued to be run by people who had a clue of what their responsibilities were and staffed accordingly they can continue the mission of protecting the public. Plumbing laws are not something to be taken lightly as they do protect the state. Flint Michigan lead water piping law suits are but one of the many hazards that can come from not enough or up to date education that is best left to the people that have protected us for years and not moved to another agency where we as a state will have to educate more state employees that are not trained in our profession. I truly believe that this agency should be a stand alone and should be fully funded in such a way to keep licensed plumbers and not wannabes from doing this work.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please leave our Plumbing Examiners Board as a stand-alone agency and not combine with any other department.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree