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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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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: The main issues I have are with the supervision changes and Responsible Master Plumber. All levels of plumbing need supervision as an inspector, I think the rules are already to relaxed. The trade in my opinion is taking a nose dive as far as pride in their work. We need investigators and inspectors that have been in the trade to know what to look for. Yes, the time of test dates has increased. I believe a lot of that has to do with most companies getting rid of apprenticeship programs. The plumbing union in Texas is not strong enough to help train what we need. All trades are experiencing short falls in employment because the younger generations are not wanting to get into trades. Taking the TSBPE out of the picture will not make anything better. I think if we funded the board a bit better a lot of these problems would no longer exist. If you have a short fall of any profession you do not make it easier to open a business or get a degree. You let the market influence that field. The price of plumbing increases younger kids will see it's a career with a future. You don't let someone take an open book test and let them go out and do whatever. If this same "reform" was being discussed in any other profession it would not have made it this far.

Plumbers keep water safe, keep sewers moving and protect their community. If you want to cheapen the trade, than have at it, but when you are getting ripped off by plumbing contractors with no oversight from a plumber (which is the reason for the RMP number on trucks and contracts) I do not want to hear any complaints. You are trying to turn plumbing into general contractors, or roofers, or anything else that operates under this same supervision. Yes it works with other trades. Other trades do not have the ability to make a mistake and do harm to a whole building or subdivision. I don't think I have to go into all the problems that could happen medical gas endorsements.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Fund the current board better to make them competitive when hiring employees and affording the things they need to make these changes themselves.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree