From: <u>Sunset Advisory Commission</u>

To: <u>Trisha Linebarger</u>

Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

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

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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD PLUMBING EXAMINERS

First Name: Courtney

Last Name: Weidner

Title: Owner

Organization you are affiliated with: Weidner Insurance Agency

Email:

City: Conroe

State: Texas

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

Dear TX Department of Licensing, I recently learned you are considering easing up on the test that plumbers must take to become a plumber and this has me very concerned. I understand that plumbers are responsible for maintaining integrity with our potable water in our homes, keeping our water safe. I know they are also responsible for working on LPG lines in our homes, something super important to be well qualified to repair/service.

It is my wish and request that you KEEP the current training/testing/apprenticeship requirements for someone to become a licensed plumber and do not make it easier for just anyone to become a plumber.

Keeping sewer water where it goes and fresh water coming in is crucial to our health and safety. Uneducated and inexperienced people being able to get licensed without as much training is a scary thought - WE NEED OUR STATE PLUMBING BOARD!

If we take away the board of plumbing examiners, it'll be too easy to be a plumber and there will be a lot of uninsured people out there. This can be a total nightmare if they are doing poor work - no accountability and harder to hold plumbers responsible to the work they do - this is bad for us homeowners and businessowners out there, needing qualified, insured, dependable plumbers that know what they're doing.

Please be sure that Texas keeps a Board of Plumbing Examiners - we need this regulation!

Sincerely,

Courtney Weidner

Conroe, TX resident

Owner of Weidner Insurance

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please keep a Board of Plumbing Examiners - we need this tight regulation to ensure the integrity of our Plumbers in Texas.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree