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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Title: Code Compliance Officer

Organization you are affiliated with: City of El Paso

City: El Paso

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am currently a Licensed Code Compliance Officer in El Paso, Texas.

I am in complete disagreement of the changes that the agency wants to make.

Let me start by giving you our mission statement: "The mission of the Environmental Services Department is to provide Code Enforcement, Environmental Health and Integrated Solid Waste Management Services to the Greater El Paso Community so they can enjoy a Healthy, Clean, Safe and Beautiful Environment." This is OUR Mission, we deal with the public every day, whether it is by phone or in person, even by mail, e-mails and texts.

We handle situations such as educating the citizens on how to maintain their properties. We make sure the grass is cut (less than 12 inches) so this can prevent mosquitos, we make sure that if there are any vehicles that are not working or that are wrecked, they get covered or moved so that our city looks beautiful but primarily for the safety of the citizen. We also address storage issues so this can prevent the accumulation of rodents such as mice, roaches, etc. We address animal feces to prevent flies. By doing all of this we are actually preventing many illnesses that can be transmitted by these insects, bugs, rodents, etc. We also educate and guide the citizens on how important it is to dispose of substances properly instead of chemicals being thrown in the sink, and this protects our water. We deal with irate citizens, we do not know how a person is going to react when we issue them a correction notice, sometimes they can become very aggressive. We also issue citations. We take citizens to court if they don't want to comply. By definition, Public Welfare means "benefit of the public, good of the general population." We benefit the public, this is for the general population. We make sure that our city is beautiful and safe. Our City is the safest in the nation because of what we do, because of what our citizens do. We expose ourselves to many dangers, primarily when we ring a door bell or knock on a door, we do not know what to expect, so for someone to say that our job is "not critical in ensuring public welfare" is completely incorrect.

We put our lives out there for the public, for our city. We handle over 30,000 cases a year to benefit the health, safety and welfare of our citizens, we are also citizens. Please do not

remove the 19 professions from state regulation deeming that the programs are "not critical in ensuring public welfare." Such action would "remove from state law the title acts and enabling statutes for the 19 programs as well as any references to the licensure, certification, or registration of these professions or practices."

Code Enforcement is included in this recommendation and consequently, the current requirements of the Texas Occupation Code which sets forth the requirements of the profession and the authorization to practice as a Registered Code Enforcement Officer would thereby be eliminated, PLEASE, DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN! We want to remain as REGISTERED CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please do not remove the 19 professions from state regulation deeming that the programs are "not critical in ensuring public welfare." Such action would "remove from state law the title acts and enabling statutes for the 19 programs as well as any references to the licensure, certification, or registration of these professions or practices." Code Enforcement is included in this recommendation and consequently, the current requirements of the Texas Occupation Code which sets forth the requirements of the profession and the authorization to practice as a Registered Code Enforcement Officer would thereby be eliminated, PLEASE, DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN! We want to remain as REGISTERED CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree