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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD PLUMBING EXAMINERS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: As a former chair and board member for the TSBPE, I wholeheartedly concur with all of the Sunset report findings. The TSBPE would operate more efficiently under TDLR and would benefit from professional staff leadership.

The Board is and has been well-meaning, and has attempted over the years to affect positive change within the agency. Unfortunately, the Board has been hampered with agency staff that is uncooperative and unwilling to undergo the necessary changes to remain relevant and serve the citizens of Texas and the plumbing industry at the highest level.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: A recommendation that is not included in the staff report is the benefit of adopting only one code for use in the state of Texas. Because dual codes are referenced in the rules, the agency is forced to develop tests that meet the requirements of both the International Plumbing Code (IPC) and the Uniform Plumbing Code

(UPC) which is not only any administrative burden, it adds yet another hurdle to obtaining a plumbing license by forcing candidates to learn a code that is not widely adopted or enforced in this State. The Uniform Plumbing Code does not correlate with the other building codes in Texas. Accepting one widely-accepted standard plumbing code, the International Plumbing Code, would create additional efficiencies in the licensing process.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree