

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 636

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LICENSING & ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

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Holly Deshields

IAPMO

Austin, TX

On behalf of IAPMO, we strongly support the continuation of the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners and HB 636. Thank you for your time a consideration.

Terry Sowell

MLN Service Company

Katy, TX

I strongly support this bill.

Glenn Rex

NMechanical Contractors Associations of Texas

HOuston, TX

We support HB 636, as the only way forward to support and protect the health and safety of the citizens of the State of Texas.

Craig Burk

self

MAGNOLIA, TX

I support the continuation and function of the TSBPE

jayson dykman

Self

Pasadena, TX

I support the coninuation of the TSBPE in its current form and function

Jim Reynolds, Executive Vice President

MCA-SMACNA of Austin, Inc

Rockport, TX

The plumbing, HVAC, and process piping contractor members of MCA-SMACNA of Austin STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 636 in its introduced form.

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Charles Fell, President  
CFI Mechanical  
SUGAR LAND, TX

We support this bill for the benefit of the State of Texas.

William Ramos  
MCAA  
Katy, TX

We support this legislation for the good of the State of Texas.

Donald Crawford, PM  
MCA Texas  
Cypress, TX

We support this legislation for the good of the State of Texas.

James Soileau  
Plumber  
Willis, TX

We support this legislation for the good of the State of Texas.

Edgar Hernandez  
SELF  
Humble, TX

We support this legislation for the good of the State of Texas.

Carlos Machuca  
Self/Management  
Katy, TX

We support this legislation for the good of the State of Texas.

Bill Geysler, Sr Vice President /GM  
Coburn supply company company  
Beaumont, TX

Very important to pass this bill to insure the safety and health of Texans.

Ronald Dauzat  
self

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Kingwood, TX

We support this legislation for the good of the State of Texas.

Brian Peabody

Local 286 Plumbers and Pipefitters JAC

Dripping Springs, TX

As a licensed plumber in the state of Texas, I am in full support of HB 636.

Graham Tarpley

Local 286

Buda, TX

As a market participant I am for HB 636

Christopher Gonzales

Local 286

Martindale, TX

I'm supporting the bill.

Kaleb Bell

Local 286

Bertram, TX

I am an apprentice under this program and I support this bill.

Sergio Colis

Self

Georgetown, TX

I support this bill

Scott Cochran

Local 286

Elgin, TX

I'm a union plumbing apprentice and I strongly support this bill.

Jimmy Galvan

Local 286

Elgin, TX

This madness must come to an end!

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Keith Allen, Apprentice  
UA Local 286  
Austin, TX

I am a union apprentice for local 286 Austin Texas and I support this bill because I have found our training and certification to be vital to the public health and welfare of the community to ensure good quality work that protects society

John Carrasco  
Self plumber apprentice  
Bastrop, TX

I am an plumbing apprentice and I support this bill

Justin Evers  
Local 286  
Bertram, TX

I support this bill and I work in this industry and I think that it is not fair to us and we need it more then y'all think.

Ernie Bravo  
Local 286  
LEANDER, TX

I am an apprentice with local 286. I support this bill.

Selman Colakoglu  
UA Local 286  
Martindale, TX

I am a plumber apprentice with the union and I support this bill

Tony Burrell, Mr  
286  
Round rock, TX

As a license plumber Apprentice I support this bill !

Andy Garcia  
Self  
Round Rock, TX

I support this bill. It keeps austin safe. It helps keep the Heath and welfare of AUSTIN residents safe.

Drake Rosser

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Self

Auston, TX

I am a plumbing apprentice and I support HB 636

Joel Arias

Local 286 plumbers union

Austin, TX

I'm an apprentice and I approve this bill

Tony Rogers, Apprentice

Capital Industries Mechanical/ Plumbers/Pipefitter Apprentice

Bastrop, TX

Don't let these no knowledge having mfs take our hard work blood sweat and tears. We work our ass off to be the only ones at what we do

Julio Alvarez reyes, 2nd year apprentice

Union plumber apprentice

Del Valle, TX

I am a plumber apprentice and i believe that plumbing lincence are required to be able to keep the safety of the people.

David Novak

I am an apprentice

Paige, TX

I am a first-year apprentice and I don't think this is right that people can Work with out A license

Jerry Oviedo

Local 286

Austin, TX

I am a apprentice and i agree with this

Antonio Ramirez

Local 286

Uhland, TX

First year in my apprenticeship program. It takes a certified skill set worker to do a professional and safe job to ensure a safe environment of the work done.

Justin Ruiz

Local 286

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Buda, TX

I work in this industry and I support this bill

Caleb Potts

Self, plumbing apprentice

Austin, TX

I'm an employee of Young and Pratt. I'm an apprentice in training and work hard for my money and try to learn as much as I can. I think it's wise to make sure people have licenses and supervision, to make sure the work is done correctly and safely. Without proper installation or skills people can be harmed and property can be damaged.

Colton Dees, Mr

UA local 286

Lockhart, TX

I'm a union Pipefitter/plumber and I support this bill

Jacob Peddie

local plumbers and pipefitters union 286

Austin, TX

I agree with this bill. Deregulating the plumbing trade is a short term solution. Strengthen local plumbers and pipefitters unions and offer incentives for people to join them.

Alec Bottoms, Apprentice

Self plumber/pipe fitter

Kyle, TX

I actively support this bill to keep wages and quality up

Robert Chapman

Local 286 plumbers & pipe fitters

Austin, TX

I am a union plumber out of local 286 in Austin and I full fledge support this bill, to protect my family and fellow brothers in the industry. God bless

Gage Cone, Plumber

Local 286

Seguin, TX

I support this legislation and work in the industry

Ethan Childress

Central Texas Industrial

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Austin, TX

I am a 3rd year apprentice for the plumber & pipe-fitters union out of local 286 and I support this bill.

Keaton Bracamontez

Plumbers and pipe fitters local 286

Hutto, TX

I work in austin local 286. I actively support this legislation.

John Conrad

Local 286

Lockhart, TX

I am an apprentice for local 286 and I am in full support of this bill.

Justin Byrd

Local 286

ROUND ROCK, TX

I am a proud union apprentice future journeyman who loves where I work and love to continue to grow in the field. I fully support this bill 636.

Joshua Eagles

Plumbers and pipefitters local 286

Killeen, TX

As an apprentice in this industry I support this bill

Thomas Graves

Local 286 Plumber

Round Rock, TX

I am a journeyman plumber in local 286. I am in support of this bill and ask that you support it too

Denny Gosser, Mr.

Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 286

Buda, TX

I support this legislation. I work in this industry.

Ian Byerly, Apprentice Pipe Fitter

Local 286 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters, and Welders Union

Killeen, TX

I, Ian Byerly, representing Local 286 and Bell County, Texas approve of this bill.

Zachary Castro, Apprentice Plumber & Pipefitter  
Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 286  
Kyle, TX

I support this bill for the cause of our great quality in work for the right pay to support my family!

Eric Counts  
Local 286  
Austin, TX

Ima plumber in this industry and I support house bill 636

Doug Dawson  
UA286  
Georgetown, TX

I work in this industry and I support this bill

Dylan McCoy  
UA Local 286  
Lockhart, TX

I am an apprentice plumber and fully support this bill, I have been in the plumbing apprenticeship for 4 years and there is alot to learn.

Trenton Vinklarek  
Ua local 286  
Smithville, TX

As a plumber in Texas I support this bill. It is best for the heath and safety of the people of Texas to pass H.B 636

Richard Bell  
Local 286 plumbers and pipefitters  
Temple, TX

Im a plumbing apprentice about to test for my journeymans plumbing license and i am in support of HB 636 i have seen bad plumbing and it can lead to an assortment of health hazards

Juan Avila  
UA Local 286  
Blanco, TX

I work hard as an apprentice pipefitter/plumber and working hard to get my license. I support this bill.

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Michael Evans  
Local 286  
Kyle, TX

As a licensed plumber I support house bill 636. We need to keep protecting the health and welfare of are great state of Texas

Robert Dowd  
Young and Pratt  
Austin, TX

I'm a licensed plumber and I support this bill.

Michael Perez  
Ua local 286  
Austin, TX

I work in this industry and like it

Seth Perez  
UA286  
PFLUGERVILLE, TX

I work in the industry and support this legislation.

Rigoberto Faz, Plumber  
Local 286  
Austin, TX

I'm in the local union and I support this bill!!!

Alvin Perez, Mr  
Local union 286  
Killeen, TX

I work and support this bill .

Erik Martinez  
Local 286  
Round Rock, TX

I'm support of this industry and support this legislation

David Reeder, Plumbers 286  
286

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Austin, TX

I work in this field we need this

Leo Matheny

Local 286 plumbers and pipe fitters union

Austin, TX

I am in full support of this legislation. I work in this field and it's everything to me and my family. I am actually making a good life for us because of this trade and this program.

Ryan Nelson, Texas state registered apprentice

UA Local 286

Austin, TX

I am a Registered Apprentice for the UA Local Union 286. i support this bill and am in favor of keeping the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners

Matthew Marti

Local

Round Rock, TX

I work in this field and support this legislation. We have had too many instances across the country where unlicensed plumbers have done substandard work and that has lead to people dying. Getting rid of the licensing only opens ourselves up for this problem to happen here in Texas.

Savannah Marvets

UA local 286

Austin, TX

I am in support of this legislation.

I have had my plumbing license for two years and been an apprentice with a card through the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners. I believe in this organization and want to keep them around because they keep plumbers honest, and go after those who try to cheat corners and put peoples safety in danger.

Hunter Northrup

Local 286 pipefitter

Dripping springs, TX

I am a Pipefitter apprentice from local286 I support this bill.

Colby Shelton

Local 286

Driftwood, TX

I'm a Pipefitter apprentice at local 286 and I support this act

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Matthew McCarty  
United Association LU 286  
Austin, TX

As a registered apprentice working in the plumbing and pipefitting industry, I support this bill.

The practical portion of licensing exam is just as important, if not moreso than the written portion.

Structurally sound connections in piping systems are critical for the prevention of property damage and the preservation of public health.

Terry Dismuke  
Local 286  
Bastrop, TX

I am in support of this bill.

George Dart, Plumber  
Self  
Pflugerville, TX

I support this bill for the safety of my family

Keith Bublitz  
Local 286  
Cedar Park, TX

I support this bill for the safety of myself and my coworkers.

Oscar Delgado, Apprentice  
Local 286  
Austin, TX

I'm in support of this bill I work in this industry and we need this for our citizens of Texas

Isaac Cuellar, Member  
UA 286  
Austin, TX

I'm a tradesman in Union 286 and I support this bill.

John Carmona, Pipefitter  
Local 286  
Round rock, TX

I fully support bill 636, we need this!!!  
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Cody Douglas, Member

Ua Local 286

Round Rock, TX

I support this bill for my family and my local union 286.

Ramsey Campos, Local 286

Self

Austin, TX

I agree with the 636 bill. To support the union and family.

michael campbell

Ua 286

Austin, TX

I support this bill

Angel Castro, Local member 286 plumbers and pipefitting

Local 286 Plumbers and pipefitters

Austin, TX

I support this bill because I am working for support for my family

Jennifer Barborka

Self apprentice plumber

Round Rock, TX

The health and welfare of our state is at stake. Having unlicensed and untrained people installing plumbing will see an increase in waterborne diseases, carbon monoxide poisonings, and explosions from improperly installed gas and water systems and appliances.

Elias Serratos

Self

Austin, TX

I am a plumber apprentice and I am in support of this bill.

Gilbert Palos

Self

Manor, TX

I am apprentice in the plumbing industry and I support this bill

Andrew Owens  
Local 286 Plumbers/Pipefitters  
Round Rock, TX

I support this bill.

Jeff Pickle, Manor  
Self  
Manor, TX

My name is Jeff Pickle. I am an apprentice plumber at NXP semiconductors working under contract through KEMA Mechanical and I support this bill.

Edgardo Puente, Apprentice  
Local 286  
Manor, TX

I am currently a 2nd year apprentice I am full support of the bill.

Joe Frias, Mr  
Local 286 Plumbers and Pipefitters  
Kyle, TX

I'm in full support of the HB 636.

Dreamer Patterson  
Local 286 Plumbers & Pipefitters  
Austin, TX

I'm strongly in favor of this bill. I'm a plumbing apprentice, and I want to see my trade properly regulated. I believe that strong regulations and oversight are necessary to keep the plumbing industry safe and ensure that plumbing installation is performed by appropriately skilled tradesmen and women.

Kenneth Smith, Mr.  
Local 286 Plummer's/Pipe Fitters  
San Marcos, TX

I'm a second year apprentice in the local 286 union and I support this bill.

Kevin Sparks, Apprentice  
Local 286  
Austin, TX

I'm a 2nd year plumbing apprentice and I support this bill. I believe that unregulated plumbing is a risk to everyone's quality of life. The regulations were put in place for a reason. They ensure safe, reliable water systems that we take for granted. You only need to look at the recent electrical shortage during a devastating winter storm to understand the importance of strict requirements

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and expectations of the workers responsible for your utilities.

Robert Thornton

UA Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 286

Austin, TX

I have worked in the Plumbing Industry for 28 years and I support HB 636. I have had a Journeyman License since 1997, a Masters since 2002. The licensing of Plumbers in this great State is necessary to protect the health and safety of its citizens.

Michael Mayen, Plumbing Apprentice

UA Local 286

Lockhart, TX

I strongly believe and are in favor for keeping the Plumbing board. It's not only important to us but, to the public as well. Flooding the Plumbing field with unlicensed Plumbers doesn't solve any problems, it creates more. I really think it's a bad idea and it makes me think that it's going to have to take the worst for someone to make a change. Essentially get sick or even die, that's on you then, no one else. It's an important part of our daily life's(plumbing) so with all due respect it should be done by people who have taken the time to learn this trade. I mean the country has a system of checks and balances, so that's what the board does for us. I am learning this to better myself and my family, I'm putting the work to make sure my skills are honed for the future. Why reward someone for nothing? The Plumbing board needs to be around, it's for safety and regulation. Why get rid of quality for quantity?

Chris Brooks

Squared Away Plumbing

Leander, TX

I am a licensed master plumber and support HB 636,

Bradly Schautschick, Apprentice

Self

Rosanky, TX

I work in the plumbing industry and I fully support HB636

Jordan Mears, Apprentice

Local 286

Austin, TX

As an apprentice at the local 286, the classes and schooling that I've been attending have shown me how in depth the trade is. I am absolutely in favor of the plumbing board retaining licensing requirements in order to do any work in Austin. If just anyone could walk in and claim that they're a plumber regardless of their experience, then hypothetically you could be trusting someone whose watching a How-to video for the first time to do a potentially major job. I don't agree with this principle. Be realistic, and hear us out. This IS a big deal.

Juan Rojas

LOCAL 286

Austin, TX

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It's important to have a plumbing license. Im a 2nd year apprentice at local 286 and our training is important. Not everyone can be a plumber and it's soo much to learn.

Rebecca Roberson

Union 286, Self

Austin, TX

I work in the plumbing industry and support HB 636

Steven Baldino

Self, Plumbers Apprentice

Austin, TX

I am an apprentice with Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 286 and I support HB 636.

James Geisler

Local 286

Austin, TX

Im a registered apprentice and I support this legislation

Angel Castro Salas, Apprentice

UA 286

Austin, TX

I work in this Plumbing Industry and my family and I support HB 636.

Zachary Kirby

Local 286

Smithville, TX

I work in the local 286 and I support this legislation

Tahaijay Lovell, Apprentice

Local 286

Cedar Park, TX

I'm a Registered Apprentice and I Support this Legislation

Grant Jacksonn

Local 286

Red Rock, TX

I'm a member of local 286, Austin TX and I support this legislation

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Steven Hart

Steven Hart

Killeen, TX

I support this board

Brady Simons, Journeyman

Local 286

San Marcos, TX

I am a journeyman plumber with a bachelor's in biology. I support this bill because it protects the public health of Texas in the best way possible.

Ruairi Kent

Local union 286 plumbers and pipe fitters

Lago Vista, TX

I am in support of this legislation because I've workin in this industry as a plumber in my glorious home state.

Joseph Martin

Local 286

Austin, TX

Keeping the plumbing license would be the best thing for the Texas citizens, for one there wouldn't be a harder chance for our water source to get poisoned because someone with a license has both the experience and the knowledge of plumbing vs. A non licensed there wouldn't be a guarantee they would know how to get the job done, me personally I wouldn't want myself or my family to get hurt or worse because I wanted to be cheap, and second it would give a reason for companys to be cheap and lower their pay for their workers which would increase poverty and people in debt, thirdly it is not that hard to get license if you really wanted to in order to get one you have to do two basic things first have the right amount of hours which mean you need experience with someone that knows what they're doing and second you have to pass a test which if you are trying you should be able to do both.

Chelsea Lessing

Local 286

Austin, TX

I am in the plumbing industry and support this legislation and the requirement of licensing for plumbers. This is vital to the health and safety of our state and its citizens.

Matthew LaVine, Plumber/pipefitter

Self license plumber pipefitter

Leander, TX

I support this bill

Max Barclay, Retired

Plumbers&Pipefitters Local Union 286

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Round Rock, TX

We need to keep HB636 intact ??

Joe Ochoa, Combo welder

Self/ combo pipe welder

Austin, TX

I currently work in the plumbing industry and I support HB 636

Jeremy Pavlich, Director of Marketing and Recruiting

Plumbers Local Union 68

Lumberton, TX

"Thank you so much for this bill Representative Thompson,

After the session ended 2 years ago, we felt battle worn, scared , and unsure of the future of our Industry. Even though the industry as a whole stood together and fought deregulation to the bone, we were still left with out a future.

I remember you speaking and fighting for us the whole time, and also remember you thoughtful words at Tuffy's viewing. I appreciate all your efforts Mrs. T.

I am in full support of HB 636, thank you fir standing with the plumbers.

Kody Maxwell

LU 286

Austin, TX

I'm in support of this bill

Bradley Toal, HVAC & Plumbing Service Manager

Local UA286

Lago Vista, TX

I support this Bill!

David Brown

Local 286

Kyle, TX

I support this bill

Taylor Breedlove, Mr

Local 286

Hutto, TX

I work in this industry and I support this bill

Terral Dixon, Apprentice

Local 286

Rockdale, TX

I work in the industry and I support this building

Quevin Caldwell

local 286

Hutto, TX

I work in this industry and I support this legislation.

Andrew Wilmot, Mr

Local 286

Hutto, TX

I support

Luke Jones

Self/plumber

Austin, TX

I am in support for this legislation. Education/certifications are one of the most crucial demonstrated proofs that one has one it takes to complete the job and can do it competently. You wouldn't send an unqualified soldier into battle. Unlicensed tradesmen are a liability and create negative stigma about tradesmen in general and quality of work.

Damian Kinney

UA Local 286

Austin, TX

I work in the plumbing industry and support HB 636

James Windom, Mr.

Self

Smithville, TX

Studying, taking test @ the State Board has always remained me how important and critical good plumbing is. I took my journeyman plumbing test, journeyman medical gas test, master plumbing & master medical gas tests @ the board. Through the years, I've seen a lot of unsafe plumbing. It may not seem like mush, a career in plumbing is a learning & enduring career. The Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners has always shown the highest integrity.

William Riordan

Self, retired plumber

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Round Rock, TX

As a longtime plumber in the state I truly respect the work done by this agency to protect the citizens of our state. There are so many things that licensed plumbers are responsible for including safety and insuring the public gets a working plumbing system that we need this agency to be functioning and funded. I worked for many years installing med-gas installations in hospitals and most would agree that this is a skill that should be regulated at the highest levels and not turned over to unskilled labor with little or no supervision. I would also like to point out that the consumer buying a house should also be protected from costly repairs from unqualified people trying to do this without proper training. This agency has tried to do the best for Texans like myself to assure a minimum standard and have some how been subjected to political games as far as funding. It would make as much sense to do away with any agency that oversees doctors or nurses and let anyone with the desire to try these professions to go ahead with the State's blessing. Please consider how much you personally know about plumbing. If you know as much as I do you would say fund and support this agency. If you don't claim to know much about our industry consider yourself lucky there are people that make it their life's work to protect you and your financial interest.

Joe Cooper

Local 286 JAC

Austin, TX

As a master plumber that is actively working in the market, I support the legislation in HB636.

Skylar Dean, Master plumber

Self/local 286

Del Valle, TX

I've worked so hard and spent so much time obtaining my master license. With the amount of poor plumbing installations I have seen, I do not believe it would be in the peoples best interest to do away with the plumbing board. Make it hard for people willing to do the work. But don't make it easy for lazy people to endanger lives.

JK Hage

Local 286

Leander, TX

"I work in the mechanical industry and support HB 636"

Christopher Figueroa

Self

Cedar Creek, TX

I am a licensed plumber and support HB 636

Aaron French

Plumbers & Pipefitters local 286

Austin, TX

I am a plumber and I support bill 636

Elizabeth Becker

local 286/self

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Austin, TX

The absence of plumbing licenses could result in several harmful situations. A license in general is authorization to own/do that specific task, after a certain period of training oneself. If such a thing were to be revoked from plumbers, it would not only hurt their families but others as well. A plumber's job is hard work and in return it is paid reasonably. Though, if they were to have such pay cuts due to their licenses being gone, then supporting their families would be difficult. It would force them to seek jobs elsewhere, which wouldn't be fair after years of service. It's a break in their daily routine and their life in general. Another issue, would be those without licenses doing the work themselves. Without proper knowledge, it could do more harm than good and it would only cost more in the end. While doing the job yourself is handy, getting someone with the proper training is more safe than risking your entire home. Plumbing licenses are needed, just like how driver licenses are needed. Both are different but the purpose of them are relatively the same. While one is safety and knowledge on the road, the other is safety and knowledge involving one's home. A professional versus an amateur. Both can do it but one is guaranteed more success. Revoking such a license would be a mistake. Not only hurting plumbers but also affecting those that need such a service. Especially since some don't even know what to do in the first place, so they seek help from those with the authority to do so. It gives comfort to be aided by a licensed plumber that knows what they're doing, compared to creating a potential disaster.

Taylor Jackson

Local 286

Hutto, TX

I am a plumbing apprentice and a member of local 286 and deregulating the plumbing industry is not good for people's health. I support this legislation.

Roger Fullerton

Self

Austin, TX

I have been in the plumbing and pipe fitting profession since 1985. We need to continue the functions of the State Board of Plumbing Examiners to insure the health and welfare of the citizens of the great state of Texas. Please vote yes on HB 636. Thank you.

garry andress

self/plumber

Lockhart, TX

As a licensed plumber I support HB636

Cassandra Sims

UA LOCAL 286

Garland, TX

I have relatives that work in the plumbing industry and i support 636

Charles Ochoa

Member of UA Local 286 Austin, Texas

Taylor, TX

I am a licensed plumber and support HB 636

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Jose Rivera  
Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union 286  
Kyle, TX

Who do you think helped all those families with water leaks due to the recent freeze?. Let's continue to keep our families and communities safe, so therefore I am in support of HB 636.

Briana Kerr  
Self/Plumbing apprentice  
Round Rock, TX

I work in the industry and the importance of licensing protects customers and the general public from misrepresentation and faulty work. Safety to our water systems is critical and should be over sought and licensed. Thank you for your time.

Joe Bill Hale  
Plumber pipe fitter local 286  
Spicewood, TX

I support this bill

John Judd  
self  
Buda, TX

I am & Have Been a Licensed Plumber since 1972. I have seen the Great work that the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners has done and the quality of Plumbers we have in Texas because of TSBP. I FULLY support the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners and can see the result of the Plumbing industry in Texas if we to Not have them.  
PLEASE STRIKE DOWN the stopping of the TSBPE.

William Heuberger  
self, plumber & plumber trainer/educator  
Reno, TX

I support HB 636. I would like to HB 1650 by Schaefer incorporated into HB 636.

Gregory Ross, Pipefitter/plumber  
Local 286  
Austin, TX

I am a licensed plumber and support HB 636

Corey Stalcup  
Self  
Copperas cove, TX

I support HB 636

Thomas Barnhill

Self

Austin, TX

I work in the plumbing industry and support HB 636

Erasmó sosa, plumber

Union 286

Austin, TX

because I am union journame plumber

Sean Johnson, Master Plumber

UA Local 100

Duncanville, TX

I am in support of this bill... we need to continue to regulate Plumbers in an independent fashion for the safety of our communities and families

Clarke Adams

Plumbers Local 68

Silsbee, TX

I support HB 636.

Ricardo Flores

Self

Pearland, TX

I support this bill, this bill needs to be passed for the safety of all Texans.

Bryan Welch

I am a licensed plumber and support HB 636

Austin, TX

I am a licensed plumber and support HB 636

Monica Pavlich

Self website content specialist

Lumberton, TX

I support this bill. I want any plumber working on a commercial or residential dwelling to be licensed through the state. Unlicensed plumbers cost Texans millions and threaten the safety of all Texans.

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MICHAEL SMITH, MANAGER  
COBURN SUPPLY  
BEAUMONT, TX

we need the plumbing board for the health of the state of texas

Jeffrey LaBroski  
Plumbers Local 68  
Richmond, TX

We need to keep the state licensing law for the publics safety.

Larry Landin, Plumber  
Plumbers  
Humble, TX

I support This Bill

Melissa Diaz  
Plumbers , business owner  
Beaumont, TX

Support licensed plumbers!! Our health depends on it.

Mason Roy, Plumber  
Plumbers local 68  
Richmond, TX

We need out TSBPE!

Jerry L Evans, Jr  
Local 286 Austin texas  
Buda, TX

I am a licensed plumber working in the plumbing industry and I support HB 646

Timothy Schwankl Jr  
Self  
McKinney, TX

I support HB636

Chris Lanzi, Inspector  
Denton County Government

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Denton, TX

In support of this bill.

Carlos Palombo

Plumbing industry

Cedar Park, TX

Please keep our Health and wellness for our plumbing industry and vote for HB 636. We need our TSBE! I have been in this trade for 38 years and have learned so much in this trade and still learning. Keep Texas safe! Thank you

Joshua Pendergrass

Self Master Plumber

Bastrop, TX

As a licensed Master Plumber I support HB 636.

Jason Brideschge

Self

Burleson, TX

I am in favor of The Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners continuing to regulate the plumbing industry in Texas

Matt Lindsay

Plumbers

Cypress, TX

We need the TSBPe

Savanah Yemata

Self

Mckinney, TX

I support the continued licensing of plumbers.

Thomas Folsom, Mr.

Self

Spring, TX

Need to be able to submit comments electronically due to timeline and availability

Mark Maxwell

A.T. Services, LLC

Spicewood, TX

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I am a licensed HVAC contractor and work with licensed plumbing contractors. The plumbing board needs to continue testing applicants and educating people in the plumbing industry.

Joseph Lindsey

Plumbers

Saginaw, TX

I support this bill

Curtis Prevost

Self Licensed Master Plumber

Katy, TX

I'm a licensed Master Plumber and I support this bill

George Cox

Self

Austin, TX

I support the continuation of the Board and Plumbing Laws and that is what HB 636 does. I have been a Master plumber for 40 plus years and believe it is in the publics best interest to continue with the TSPB and the Plumbing laws it represents and the enforcement thereof. Your approving this house bill would be in the best interest of all Texans.

Respectfully,

George W. Cox Sr (Master Plumbing License # 15883)

Shawn Scruggs

Shawn's Plumbing

Robert Lee, TX

I support this legislation.

Tracy Hickman

Son/Plumbing apprentice

Bremond, TX

I have relatives in the plumbing industry.

Glen Kirkham, Organizer

Plumbers Local Union 68

Rockport, TX

Thank you for your efforts and understanding of the great importance of the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners. You are greatly appreciated!

Jill Roberts

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Self

Beaumont, TX

I support this bill

William Sumner, Mr.

Self Plumber Apprentice

Silsbee, TX

This bill must be passed. The consequences of taking away from specialized workers their license that separates them from the common DIYer's will be detrimental and have extreme backlash. I personally went behind several homeowners and fixed what they messed up after they tried to fix it themselves after the freeze, and that is just on a small scale of someone whose had only 8 months of plumbing experience.

Jackie Wilson

Ua local 286

Bremond, TX

I have relatives in the plumbing industry and I support 636

Tim Schwankl Sr, Inventory control

Myself Eagle Quality Plumbing

The Colony, TX

We need qualified plumbers to insure work done is correct and safe and guaranteed.

Grant Thornhill

Kilgore Industries

Copperas Cove, TX

I am 100% in favor of the continuations and functions of the State Board of Plumbing examiners.

Alex Aguilera

Plumber

Leander, TX

I support HB 636 as a plumber

Tyler Wirth

Self, plumber apprentice

Austin, TX

I work in the plumbing industry and support HB 636

Camilla Laidacker, Retired teacher

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Plumbers local

Beaumont, TX

We must support licensing of our plumbers. I have experienced the opposite of that. Plumbing has been a problem in our house since the eighties. Thank goodness licensed plumbers have helped us solve problems.

Keith Zimmerhanel

Local 286 plumber

Jarrell, TX

I am a licensed plumber and I support this bill

Michael Heaton

Heaton Plumbing

La Porte, TX

Heaton Plumbing I am so in support of this bill

Bobby Smith

Self, field representative

Austin, TX

The Plumbers of Texas have been working tirelessly to repair the damages from our winter storm, now is the time for Plumbers and Public alike to voice their opinion on the importance of maintaining a State Board of Plumbing Examiners and a strong Plumbing License Law.

Sharon Kirkham

Self

Rockport, TX

I support this bill

greg hilburn

self

RED OAK, TX

I support this bill. I'm asking that y'all support this bill as well.

Bryan Gross

Self- oil refinery machinist

Orange, TX

Please stand with our union brothers and sisters in the plumbing business. The plumbing business is a key function in the health and well-being of every citizen in the state by providing clean drinking water, sanitation and proper gas piping for heating and

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cooling. All of these things keep citizens safe and healthy. Proper licensing for this work is critical to keeping citizens safe and healthy. Please support the licensing requirements for all plumbers in the state of Texas.

Mary Hamm

Self

Porter, TX

I support this bill. This is the only way to make sure we are not taken advantage of as homeowners.

Richard Johnston, Mr.

Southwest Pipe Trades

Mesquite, TX

The continuance of the TSBPE is imperative. Not only to continue it but to double its size and capacity to assure that plumbers remain competent in protecting our water systems and medical gas for this great state of Texas. We one of the most stringent plumbing codes in the United States. Those codes and regulations are state wide standards and are in place for the common good of the public. The TDLR has many licenses they oversee .Its performance rating overall is an F+.

Michael Woodson

Self scientist

Galveston, TX

I support hb 636

George Kelemen

Texas Retailers Association (TRA)

Austin, TX

The Texas Retailers Association registers its support FOR HB 636

Caren DeLuccio

self

Houston, TX

I support HB 636 and urge our representatives to pass it, to protect Texans and ensure they continue to get high quality plumbing services from qualified professionals.

Joe Apel

Plumbers/Pipefitters LU 404 Apprenticeship Program

Lubbock, TX

The TSBPE is so vital!

Raymond Bacon, Plumber

Self/Plumber

Pasadena, TX

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I believe the continuation of our plumbing board is vital to the health and safety of all residents of Texas. Recent events have shown how much of a need there is for skilled and qualified plumbers. I worry a great deal about all of the work done by unlicensed and untrained individuals that are taking advantage of the recent disaster to work on people's homes. Our water and sewer is a resource that needs to be properly protected. Our licensing board assured that only properly licensed and trained plumbers, working under insured master plumbers, are the ones servicing water, sewer and natural gas that serves so much of the public. The plumber protects the health of the nation is our creed and those of us who have earned the right to do so take that very seriously. It's not just a job to the people I know and work with. I hope this message finds you well and you deeply consider the consequences of having such a vital service properly regulated. Thank you for your time in reading this.

Michael Coil

Self (Apprentice Plumber at All-in-One Plumbing)

Silsbee, TX

I fully support this bill.

Robert Pate

Self636

Beaumont, TX

I am in favor of bill

Nicolas Valles

Valles Plumbing and Piping

DEL VALLE, TX

I am a Master Plumber and I support HB 636.

Clyff Curry, Bus. Mgr.

U.A. Local 529

Waco, TX

Myself and my 250 members and families are in Support of this Bill.

Clyff Curry, Home Owner

Self

Thornton, TX

Please pass this Bill for the Safety of All. Keep TSBPE separate and Viable.

Edward Casanova, Master plumber

Self, master plumber

Crossroads, TX

I am a licensed plumber and I strongly support this issue

Lyndon Dawson

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Self

Dallas, TX

I am in Support of this bill

Debbie Vukovich

Self, Master Plumber LC# 18262

Rowlett, TX

I support HB 636.

Nathan Radabaugh

Radabaugh plumbing

Hamilton, TX

In order to protect the safety of fellow Texans the TSBPE needs to continue to operate!

Jose Cuellar

Self

Garland, TX

I support this bill.

Edward Sills

Self (Communications Director, Texas AFL-CIO)

Austin, TX

I support this bill.

Javier Gutierrez

Self plumbers of Texas

Garland, TX

We need the board, we need the licensing we cannot lose this

Gary Pedigo

Self

denison, TX

Support HB 636

Scott Pena

Union plumbers and pipefitters

Del Valle, TX

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I am a licensed plumber and have been working in this field for 20 years. I support house bill 636!

Sherri Jones

Self

Houston, TX

Please keep the continuation and functions of plumbing examiners.

KENNETH SUMBERLIN

IBEW 716

Spring, TX

IBEW 716 fully supports, and request our friends support this bill.

Rick Andrewartha

plumbers and pipe fitters local 286

Hutto, TX

To have a safe environment to live in we must be able to continue to have professional plumbers in the state of Texas and require them to be licensed . This will allow only people qualified to preform the work and insure that it is installed per the state plumbing code.

Harrison Hiner

Communications Workers of America, District 6

Austin, TX

Harrison Hiner, on behalf of Communications Workers of America (CWA), supports HB 636 by Rep. Thompson

Jeremiah Hendricks

LiUNA - Southwest Laborers District Council and Local 1095

Austin, TX

Please pass this legislation to protect the public. We need certified, competent, trained, licensed plumbers working throughout Texas to ensure safety form consumers. Our thousands of LIUNA members support HB 636. Thank you.

Manuel Quesada, Plumber

Local412

El Paso, TX

For the safety of the people

Linda Morales

GC ALF, AFL-CIO

Houston, TX

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I support 636. Please do the right thing.

Marcus Cunningham

Plumber

Richmond, TX

Please keep our license valid for plumbers

Richard Shaw

Self Retired

Houston, TX

I support HB 636! Licensing is critical to the health and safety of Texas consumers.

John Miller

self, plumber

Lubbock, TX

The TSBPE has been in operation since 1947, and it is charged with protecting the health and safety of the citizens of Texas. I sincerely believe that we in the industry wish to continue the Board in its present form going into the future. Do some changes need to be made, yes, but I feel the Board is addressing those that are within its power to change, and they have done so over the course of the last few months. They have been laboring over the course of the pandemic and restrictions placed on them by the Governor, however, the changes they have made and are considering will go long way to correcting some of the problems the Sunset Commission reported.

While I understand the need to have more plumbers to respond to disasters such as the hurricane and the recent freeze, the danger would be to license people who are not qualified. Training and experience are necessary to be a competent plumber. Some of the 'roadblocks' to licensing have been removed, and the backlog at the testing center has been brought under control. In short, things are improving and the Board should be commended for their efforts.

I have spoken to many licensees covered by TDLR, and I have some observations. TDLR does a good job considering the resources they have; however, the 'in the field' oversight appears to be lacking when compared to that provided by the Plumbing Board. When dealing with public health it seems we must go with the best available, and that is the current system.

One other thing of note. Most of the 'savings' the Sunset Commission based their recommendation on was generated by doing away with the three examiners. Since everyone agrees the skills test needs to remain, so do the examiners; therefore, the saving generated by transferring licensing to TDLR largely disappear.

The response of the plumbers in the state to this proposal transferring to TDLR was overwhelmingly negative, and I believe the legislators need to recognize that when considering their vote.

Thank You

Paul Freitag

Retired Member plumbers&pipefitters local 286

Harker Heights, TX

I support HB 636.

Roy Rutledge

Local 286

Pflugerville, TX

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I'm a licensed plumber and support this bill

Franklin Hutton, Plumber/popefitter

Self/local 286 plumbers&pipefitters

Lexington, TX

The Texas state board of plumbing examiners is absolutely critical to ensuring that plumbing is performed in the safest and most sanitary way possible. Properly trained plumbing examiners ensure that each apprentice have acquired the skills and knowledge needed to perform their jobs in a manner that protect the public and our natural resources and helping prevent the spread of disease and contamination. No plumber knows "it all" and conscience plumbers are always educating themselves .Ethically we must protect in plumbing trade,consumers,natural resources and health of the public by ensuring that the Texas state board of plumbing examiners continues to verify that potential plumbers are qualified for the responsibility that a conscience plumber takes upon himself.

Isiah Roa

Self/plumber apprentice

Austin, TX

I Work in the plumbing industry and I support HB 636

Alan ONeill

Abacus Plumbing

The Woodlands, TX

I support this bill

Robert Doran

Plumbers Continuing Education

Fort Worth, TX

I am in favor of H. B. 636 and the continuance of the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners. It is important that this agency continues as a stand alone agency in order to maintain the health and safety of our citizens of Texas. I would like to add that the training for the Responsible Master Plumbers needs to continue. It is very important that the new business owner learns about the tax laws, both state and federal. This training has been proven to be an asset to anybody going into business, knowing their responsibilities in running a successful business. I would also like you to look into H. B. 1650 by Shaeffer and add the training opportunities for licensing and recognition of high school trade schools throughout the state for plumbing. These trade schools need to be recognized and credited for the sacrifices made in learning and understanding the physics and basics of plumbing. When they graduate from high school with the accredited trade training, they need to be rewarded with the opportunity of taking the examination for the Tradesman License. I thank you for your time in letting speak about this important bill. Robert Doran

RONNIE SMITHERMAN

BLDG AND CONSTR TRADES DEPT AFL-CIO

AUSTIN, TX

There needs to be a continuation of the the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiner: the TDLR is already overloaded and over worked and to add 50,000 or more Plumbers to this department is without merit. The Plumbers Examining Board is already familiar with the Licensing of their members and their requirements. To halt this procedure could possibly endanger the General Public and is not in the best interest of Texans.

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Mark Potter  
Plumbers & Pipefitters Local142  
San Antonio, TX

I support the House bill636 to re instate the plumbing board. Thanks

Bob Chase  
Self/Pipefitter Superintendent  
Cleveland, TX

Need to keep

Joseph Meier, Master Plumber  
Self  
Austin, TX

Having held a Master plumbing license for over 40 years, and a continuing education instructor for 20 years, I've had numerous opportunities to work with staff at TSBPE. Obviously improvements can be made, but this is no reason to eliminate the board. I whole heartedly support HB636

John Vanek  
Self, Texas RMP 42118  
Canyon Lake, TX

The practical portion of the exam is critical in determining if the candidate is prepared to follow a safe hygienic system that protects the health and safety of the public. The stick house shows that they they understand gravity sanitary drainage and proper sizing and venting for a sound system going below grade and the fundamental principles to modify each installation within the design parameters. Often plans can clash with structural members of the building and the plumber must understand his installation and adjust within the parameters of the plumbing code too maintain a sound system.

Angela DeFelippo  
Self  
Dallas, TX

I support this bill and wish it to be passed.

Othon Guillen  
UA Local 100  
Dallas, TX

I am in favor and support of this piece of legislation and would like to see it passed. Especially in light of the recent winter storm the state experienced and the major effect that resulted on the plumbing systems. This just re-enforces the fact that the plumbing trade needs to stay credentialed and the TSBPE needs to remain as the responsible and issuing agency for the plumbing license in Texas. Please consider passing HB636 to continue the TSBPE in order to keep the citizens of Texas and the rest of the public safe.

John Martin

Self

Spring, TX

I support this.

MICHAEL SHELTON

The Shelton Law Firm

Houston,, TX

We need licensed plumbers in Texas. I for one don't want an unqualified person running lines for medical gases in hospitals.

Lucas Williams

Self and Local 286

red rock, TX

I am a licensed plumber and support HB 636

Bristol Wilhelm

Self Plumber/pipefitter

Austin, TX

I work in the plumbing/pipe fitting industry and I support HB 636. Please vote in favor.

Daniel Vasquez

Local 286 plumber/ pipefitters

Kyle, TX

I'm for this bill

Dylan Vuong, Mr

Local 286 plumbing apprentice

Austin, TX

I Dylan Vuong as a plumber / pipefitter support this bill and what it stands for.

Fawn Thompson

Local 286

Austin, TX

I work in the plumbing industry and support HB 636

Nathan Torres

Local 286

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Round Rock, TX

I support this bill.

Daniel Vasquez

Local 286 plumber/ pipefitters

Kyle, TX

I'm in favor of bill

Richard Cassel

Self/pipefitter apprentice

Cedar Park, TX

I work in the plumbing industry and support HB 636

Nathan Neal

Local 286

Kyle, TX

I'm a licensed journeyman plumber and we need to keep the plumbing board

Carl Snoeberger

Texas Critical Systems

Lockhart, TX

We need to maintain these plumbing laws as a best defense to public health and safety as they relate to clean water and properly trained and experienced licensed and responsible installers.

Victor Flores

Self apprentice ua68

Beaumont, TX

I support HB 636

We need PLUMBING LICENSE in TEXAS

Jeffrey Sumner

Local 286

Austin, TX

3rd year apprentice in local 286

Zane Sibert

Local 286

Buda, TX

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I support this legislation

Henry Arend, Apprentice

Local 286

Temple, TX

I'm a plumbing apprentice who has dedicated the last 3 years of my life to learning plumbing systems and code.

Dennis Scarlett, Apprentice

Self Plummer

Belton, TX

Working so hard to finish school and start my career in the plumbing industry we need to keep the plumbing license!!!

Cesar Acosta

Self plumbing apprentice

Austin, TX

I'm working to become a licensed plumber

Tyler Sloan, Plumber/pipefitter

Local 286

San Marcos, TX

I'm in support of this legislation.

James Vasquez

Local 286

Paige, TX

I'm a Plumber in this industry and I support the house Bill 636

Jose Sanchez

Local 286

San Marcos, TX

I'm an apprentice in the plumbing trade about to become a journeyman and I support this legislation

Norma Sherrod, apprentice for plumbers and pipefitters

Local 286

Austin, TX

I'm a 3rd year apprentice that works hard and loves my trade. We really need people to fight for all of us.

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Casey Whited

Local 286

Del valle, TX

I work in this industry and I support house bill 636

Rakesh Williams, Plumber

Dynamic Systems Inc.

Austin, TX

I'm a plumber in this industry & I Support House Bill 636.

Tyler Wirth, Plumber

Local 286

Austin, TX

I support HB 636, I'm a plumber in the Austin area

Rey Sanchez

Self and plumbing and pipefitting apprentice.

Round rock, TX

Hello there my name is Rey sanchez and I am a registered apprentice and support HB 636

trevor stevens, Plumber

HB 636

Austin, TX

I'm a plumber and I support the bill HB 636

Ryan Shaull, Local 286 plumber/ pipefitter

Local union

Round rock, TX

I'm a 3rd year apprentice and work hard for my 6 months raise. Work 40-60 hours weekly and go to school two nights a week to sharpin up my work ethics and to understand/to profect my daily jobs/projects.

Charles Robeson

UA 286

Austin, TX

As a soon to be journeyman in my industry, and knowing the dangers. I fully support this bill.

Christopher Fisher, 5th year Apprentice

Local 286

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Elgin, TX

I support HB636

LaRon Burrus, Plumber

Local 286

Austin, TX

Save my license!!!

Jeffrey Cervantes

Local 286

Round rock, TX

I am a apprentice at local 286 and its important for a plumber to have a license, and know the plumbing codes so we can keep our communities safe , with clean water , and disposing the waste the right way. And keep the planet a safer and cleaner . License matter !

Bradon Stovall, Building trades journeyman

Local 286

Pflugerville, TX

I work in the plumbing industry and support HB 636”.

LaRon Burrus, Plumber

Local 286

Austin, TX

Save my license

Rodrigo Arteaga

Local 286

Austin, TX

I am a licensed plumber who was trained and schooled in local 286s apprenticeship. We are taught to do things the right way the way to avoid catastrophic fails in the work we employ not only from some years of practical application but through years of hard work and grit and with it the know how and extensive knowledge of all our brothers and sisters before us who have since done things the same way. We are in the business of doing things right doing things the union way. I SUPPORT THE CONTINUITY OF THE EXAMINERS BOARD.

Melissa Lord

Self

Pasadena, TX

I strongly support this bill!!

A DeLuccio  
self, plumber apprentice  
houston, TX

I support HB 636 and urge our representatives to pass it, to protect Texans and ensure they continue to get high quality plumbing services from qualified professionals.

Rachelle DeLuccio  
self, stay at home mother  
Houston, TX

I support HB 636 and urge our representatives to pass it, to protect Texans and ensure they continue to get high quality plumbing services from qualified professionals.

Abel Ledezma, Organizer  
Southwest PipeTrades Association /SWPT  
San Antonio, TX

I'm in support of HB 636. Keeping the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners will continue the health and well-being of all Texans.  
My Plumbing License number is 39409.

Brandon Fifield, Plumbing apprentice  
Local 100 plumbers and Pipefitters  
Mesquite, TX

I have been a plumbing apprentice for 3 + yrs now, through my apprenticeship I have logged thousands of hours of on the job training. With that being said I still have much to learn. I can honestly say that you cannot correctly and safely perform the everyday task of a plumbing journeyman without first going thru this process. Without these hours logged, training done, and proper testing for the very much needed requirements I would not only be a danger to myself but also the communities that I would potentially serve.

Without these strict requirements and strenuous evaluation to be granted your plumbing license any man woman or child could improperly install a gas line, a sanitary drain, a septic system that could amount to any number of ecological, physical, and medical disasters. Disasters that lead to death, explosions, waterborne diseases such as norovirus infection, legionellosis, giardiasis just to name a few.

The plumber is the nations first line of defense and is the first step to the most simple of basic human rights and necessities  
**CLEAN WATER!!!**

george perez  
local 100  
heartland, TX

Texas plumbing board thanks to them i have a good paying job , to support my family im the bread winner in my family and this exam board makes that happen and thanks to them we have coalified plumber to give us clean water and a healthy place to live

Dennis Minnich  
Self--Plumber - Texas Plumbing License #28958  
Rowlett, TX

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Texas Licensed Plumbers are necessary for protecting the health and safety of the public. That is our solemn duty as licensed plumbers.

We are professionals who are highly trained and knowledgeable about many different types of piping and piping systems which serve the citizens of Texas.

Please do not let our standards in the state of Texas be lowered allowing untrained, unlicensed individuals to attempt plumbing and harm the public.

I have been in the plumbing trade in Texas for 40+ years. I have been teaching plumbing classes part time nights and weekends for 16 years.

I do this to give back to the industry that is so important to protecting our health and safety in Texas.

Please vote for HB 636 to save our plumbing licenses and State Board of Plumbing Examiners. The life you save may be yours or your families.

Thank you for your reading my comments.

Dennis Minnich

Chad Gerlach, Plumber

Local 100

Mckinney, TX

I am an apprentice at local 100 and I support HB 636. It is vital for this state and the people of Texas to have a license for plumbing.

Roman Flores

Self plumber

Abilene, TX

I want the Texas plumbing board to still keep functioning as our examiners. They know what best for us and texas

Andres Rayas Jr

self Plumber

El Paso, TX

As a licensed plumber with my Medical Gas Cert, I feel it is imperative that the TSBPE remain as the authority for the plumbing trades in the state of Texas. I first hand have seen what can happen on a construction project when individuals who have limited knowledge in plumbing are hired as plumbers. Not only does it affect the project but the risk of illness and even death can affect the end user. As a Med Gas Installer I have even seen an entire system get demolished because of faulty installation. Without the Board, there is no telling who will be installing our potable piping systems, sanitary systems, fuel gas systems, and even medical gas systems. And that is just a nasty accident waiting to happen

Joshua Salazar, Plumber

Local 100

Richardson, TX

Save the TSBPE! (124099)

Brandon Charron

Self - Plumbing Apprentice 3

McKinney, TX

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Medical plumbing is something I assume should be a practiced trade. Professionalism belongs to things that could deal with human lives, and in a sense I wouldn't say domestic water is off that field. Tampered water could affect lives. Flint, Michigan being an example of this when poor management can occur. It is my opinion that there are specialized trades required in creating healthy operations and it requires licensed individuals with an understanding on the operations of living facilities(homes, hospitals, and businesses).

Plumbing Apprentice 3  
Brandon Charron, License

James Cunningham  
self, Apprentice Plumber  
Fort Worth, TX

I believe that we need the TSBPE and our plumbing license, not just as a matter of pride for all the hard work that has been put into becoming a licensed plumber, but to give the general public the assurance that they are hiring a properly qualified individual who will do the work correctly. As an apprentice plumber myself I truly believe that plumbers protect the health of community, state, and nation. As I work towards taking my test to become a Journeyman and eventually Master Plumber, these are not just titles, but goals to prove that I have what it takes to call myself a Plumber. Again, this is not just a matter of pride and livelihood, this is also wanting to ensure that anyone who hires a plumber can have faith in the plumber that they hire by asking to see their license.

Kristy Graf  
Plumbers  
Midlothian, TX

We need the board of plumbers. Our licenses need to be left alone. As a female plumber for the past 20 yrs and a future master plumber is say they need to be left alone.

Victor Lujan  
self plumber  
Odessa, TX

I am in support of this bill to continue the TSBPE. I hope this bill leads to the strengthening of the board and its functions and budget.

Ramon Montoya  
local union 412 plumbers and pipefitters  
el paso, TX

I feel the board should not go down,just dont make it impossible to get plumbing license

Jerry Fain, Retired master plumber  
Self  
Huffman, TX

Truly I hope that the state board will continue to be allowed to stay in business. They do good work in a trade that is vital to the health and safety of every Texan.

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matthew meraz, n/a

south

El Paso, TX

An individual must be competent to accomplish a(n) satisfactory completion of the job. In order to accomplish this, they must be properly trained with their state license.

Oscar Lopez

plumbers and pipefitters of Local Union # 412

El paso, TX

I believe the board should not be removed but there's always room for improvements such simplifying the process of and not make so difficult to obtain a license.

Agustin Rosalea

Local 68

Cypress, TX

Please protect the health of our community by keeping the plumbing trade ,a trade which requires training. Please keep the Texas state board of examiners.

Luis Vazquez

local UA 412

el paso, TX

I think we should keep the Texas State board to protect to people of texas and keep lincned plumbers. Keep plumbers that know what there doing

Mary Conger

Self

Barry, TX

Medical Gases, potable water and the sanitary sewer must be protected and safeguarded by licensed professionals. For the health and safety of every citizen in the state of Texas, please support this bill; the continuation of the TSBPE is the first step in rebuilding this fundamental agency that prevents life-hazards.

Larry Saucedo, Local 286

Plumbers and Pipefitter Local 286

Kyle, TX

I am a Licensed Plumber and Licensed Medical Gas Installer. I believe that without proper education and supervision, plus the number of hours training while on the job and at training at a proper facility with trained and experienced educators, it is **IMPERATIVE THAT THIS BILL BE PASSED**. To ensure the safety to the public and private homes, businesses, hospitals, restaurants, and any facilities the might be at harm or at risk of wrong installation of plumbing and piping systems that could **AFFECT** the drinking water and sanitation systems. If such systems are installed wrong or cross connected during installations of such important systems and resources .This could lead to serious consequence's to public and private health of individuals, communities and businesses, nursing homes, hospitals and much more. I hope and have

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faith that this vote be taken under serious consideration of the severity and consequence's of how important these system could affect our beautiful city in hundreds of different ways. Please pass this bill, to ensure we maintain the safety of all our mothers, fathers, grandparents, children's and all those who use our precious recourse we call water.

Jacob Conger

Self

Italy, TX

I support this bill.

James Hall, RMP

Self and AAA Services

Garland, TX

Our plumbing license help protect the citizens of our wonderful state from fraudulent , inexperienced, and unqualified people from performing plumbing on potable water systems, sanitary sewer systems, natural gas systems and medical gas systems . This is a very important public safety issue which should never be compromised . Please continue to help protect our state. Thank you so much for your consideration in this important matter.

Respectfully ,

James Hall, Jr.

steven havelka

Self

Hockley, TX

The state of Texas needs laws governing plumbing that protect the health of every citizen of Texas. With out clean water to wash our hands and waste systems to remove soil waste COVID would have been 100x worse then it already is we need protection!!!!

John Scarbrough

Self plumber

Burleson, TX

Support

Manfred Rubio

Rubio's Plumbing L.L.C.

Dallas, TX

Keeping education is a vital part of becoming a conscience Plumber. So many Apprentices are not educated well enough in the field. Everyone believes plumbing is all straight forward and does not require much skill. Which is far from the truth. Anyone can put a pipe in a hole in the ground and call it plumbing, but is it done properly? How would you know unless you are educated. An apprentice can only learn what the Plumber in which they are working with knows or willing to mentor. So they will need an appropriate alternative of education to be well rounded. I believe if any other agency whom attempts to monitor or regulate the need of education for our skillset should come from the agency whom founded the Plumbing Agency and has done an outstanding job for all these years. To try and place blame on this agency for growing population and lack of interest for our trade is "Scapegoating". In conclusion, I believe that lack of appropriations by the State of Texas is stifling the progression of this agency.

Laura Zaras

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Self

Houston, TX

I believe consumers are better served with qualified licensed plumbers and the State of Texas should continue to require appropriate testing of qualifications and licensure.

Camille Havelka

Self

Cypress, TX

It is EXTREMELY important that plumbers continue to be regulated and licensed in Texas! They provide vital safeguards to protect the health and safety of the public! Please make sure this does NOT change!

Michael Havelka

Self

Cypress, TX

It is VITAL and important to public and life safety that the plumbers continue to be licensed and regulated. Their training ensures that not only water but gas, medical gas, etc are connected and safe for use wherever needed. Please be sure that this continues!

David McFarland McFarland

self/Journeyman plumber

Fort Worth, TX

Due to my experience as a licensed Journeyman plumber in the State of Texas, and in the interest of the people of the State of Texas, I strongly support the passage of HB 636. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important legislation.

Mike Trivett

Plumbers Union 146

Watauga, TX

I believe we still need the plumbers board and the testing for state license for the safety of the people of Texas

Blake Ohara

Self engineer

Katy, TX

Keep plumbing to the certified professionals please.

Donnie Meyer

Plumber

Arlington, TX

I support this boll

Steven Parker

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Self

Groves, TX

Keep this in place.

Antonio Molina

Self, apprentice

Plano, TX

Continue to authorize fee

Clarence Newton

Local 100

Mabank, TX

I strongly believe that we should keep the plumbing license because plumbing affects a lot of people everybody

Timothy Kalbow

Self

Cypress, TX

All plumbers should be licensed. I wouldn't want someone who isn't licensed working on my house or on any facility that may provide oxygen.

Jonah Landrum

Self/Master Plumber

Troup, TX

Plumbers need to be regulated and this bill would help continue that. Please pass this bill

Paul Obsta

Self

Katy, TX

This bill is needed to help protect the general population of Texas by maintaining the current plumbing board.

Sergio Garcia

Self plumber

El paso, TX

The Board should remain operational because plumbing systems should not be overlooked because any failure of the systems (fuel gas, cross connection of potable water and sanitary, medical gas systems) could result in injury/illness or death of people of the public

Sarah Owens

Self / Graphic Designer

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San Antonio, TX

I support this bill. Texas plumbers should remain licensed.

William Ehrlich

William Ehrlich (93267) - Plumbing

Lewisville, TX

Registration number: 93267

Joseph Strmiska, RMP

ATD Mechanical Services LLC/Local Union 286

Little River Academy, TX

I am a licensed plumber and support House Bill 636

Chato Woodard

Plumbers Local Union 68

Rosharon, TX

As a licensed plumber in the Texas for over 20 years I am 100% behind this Bill!!

Joseph Lindsey, Plumber

TSBPE

Saginaw, TX

PLEASE SAVE THE PLUMBING BOARD!

Brian Young

Self

Spring, TX

I hold a Texas Master Plumbing License

The Plumbing Board does a great job considering the budget they work under

Plumbing deals with the health and safety of this great state and needs the over site of our Plumbing Board

Lee McFarland

Herndon McFarland, Inc. dba Herndon McFarland Plumbing

Addison, TX

HB 636 goes a long way in safeguarding the health and safety of Texans and our visitors by ensuring the Texas Plumbing Law remains intact and that the integrity of the license is preserved. Your support would be appreciated.

David Althausen, General Superintendent and Master Plumber #39808

Local Union 100 Plumbers and Pipefitters

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Richardson, TX

Would like to Keep the TSBPE in place,I think this is very important

Michael Cramer, Mr

Self

Garland, TX

My name is michael cramer, I'm a 3rd year plumbing apprentice in the union. I've been going to trade school for 3 years now and have worked full time in the field so I can get my hours too take my test for my journeyman's license. If you decided to get rid of the need for a license it will make these last 3 years of my life a waste almost. I've worked had and have gone to school for 2 days a week while having to work full time to get this license. And I'm only one of the many in texas that have done this. Please vote to keep it as a need for plumbing

James Fain

United Association

Rockwall, TX

Continue with the board

Curtis Hines, Plumber

Self

Gun barrel, TX

None

Carl Ash

Self

Forney, TX

We need to keep the TSBPE

Baldemar Campos, Master plumber

Self and local union 100 plumbers and pipefitters

Garland, TX

It takes time, experience, and knowledge to be a plumber. The Texas state board has help fulfill those qualities for years. Lets keep it going for the good health of texas.

Master plumber 43525

Billy Coker

Self

Eustace, TX

It is necessary to have knowledgeable people installing plumbing because of health issues. What is not needed is the total waste of time continuing education program. You learn absolutely nothing about plumbing. It's just a way for the state to make money.

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James Brown  
Self  
Midlothian, TX

Lic# j 23551. Save plumbing board and save the health that plumbers provide to the public.

Joshua Duncan  
Self  
TERRELL, TX

43914

Dean Ruiz-Pierce  
UA local 100  
Carrollton, TX

i strongly support maintaining a board of plumbers and current licensing if the winter storm last month proved anything is we need qualified and trained plumbers and electricians

Roger Goldberg  
Self and licensed plumber with Med gas endorsement  
Terrell, TX

We need to keep TSBPE to ensure we protect the health of the public. Having a testing standard ensures quality plumbers in the market place. Healthcare facilities benefit along with other important infrastructures. License #34196. Thanks for your time.

William Fleming, Retired plumber  
Self  
Irving, TX

WH Fleming

Joseph Kupiszewski  
self  
Newark, TX

Keep the TSBPE in full force, and let the health of all in Texas be protected.

Michael Hotz  
Self  
Garland, TX

I strongly urge the committee to keep the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners.  
License #149112

Jeremy Gilliam  
Self/ master plumber  
Royse City, TX

I'm not sure why there is even a question as to whether or not abolish the TSBPE. Licensed plumbers are the only protection standing between the public and safe, clean drinking water. As a matter of fact, not only do we need to keep the board alive, we need to strengthen it and enforce and crack down on unregulated plumbing practices- so as the great state of Texas doesn't have issues with public water quality and supply.

Jeremy Gilliam  
M#41515  
J#34244  
BP#0007127

James Nyerges  
Self  
Grand Prairie, TX

I'm a master plumber (RMP) I have worked very hard to obtain my master license. We need to keep the TSBPE. The board needs to be overhauled. Please keep the board . The board get a small fraction of the money brought in by license renewal . The board needs a larger budget .

James Stuckey  
Local 100  
Caddo Mills, TX

We need to keep lic plumbers in the state of Texas. We need our plumbing boards to Uber see all plumbers in the state.

Lic # 32271

William Carlson  
Self plumber  
Caddo Mills, TX

We should keep this system in place for the safety and health wellbeing of this state. I truly believe dysentery and other water born diseases will be the rule of the day. We must always move up and never fall back to the old ways

David Carter  
Self-28915  
Texarkana, TX

We need to keep the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners.

Dianne Villarreal  
Self  
Fate, TX

My name is Dianne Villarreal and I have had the privilege to serve the citizens of Texas for approximately 40 years first as a

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licensed plumber ( J-17451 and M-3914) and then as a licensed plumbing inspector (I-3914). I believe the recent extreme conditions that all Texans have suffered spotlights the importance of continuing the TSBPE and the maintaining the quality of our Texas plumbing industry. Texas citizens deserve the highest quality of water and sanitation as well as the assurance that all medical gases are installed properly. Texas plumbers embrace their responsibility to serve all citizens and visitors of the Great State of Texas. I support HB 636 and ask for your support of this bill and the Texas Plumbing Industry. Our citizens lives depend on your support. Thank you and God Bless Texas!

Richard Brewer

local 100

Richland hills, TX

keep Texas among the leading plumbing jurisdictions around buy keeping the state board and not weakening the state and allowing just anyone to provide plumbing services

Lawrence Sunny

Self/engineer

Allen, TX

Education is a crucial component in ensuring proper construction practices.

Johnny Massiatte

Local Union 286 #38654

New Braunfels, TX

Please keep the Texas State board of license plumbers and examiners open for the next ?? years. Thank you.

Brandon Sisemore, Plumbing Apprentice

Brandon Sisemore

Anna, TX

I would like the Texas Board of Plumbing Examiners to continue with all of their current functions and responsibilities. The safety of the general public relies on the certification of qualified plumbers.

Curtis Hines, RMP 39811

A-Solution Plumbing

Mabank, TX

Keeping the texas state board a functional part of the process of checks and balances and proper licensed trained confident individuals is so important in keeping texas plumbing systems safe and homeowners investments protected with proper installed systems . C.Hines M39811. A-Solution Plumbing

Ethan Flynt

U.A. local 100

Ennis, TX

If you get rid of licenses then anyone inexperienced person may call themselves "plumbers" potentially doing more harm than good to homeowners and businesses.

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Terry Petchinsky  
Self/ Master Plumber M-41463  
Lewisville, TX

The continuation of the plumbing board should be supported. I feel this is vital to protect the health of all Texans. Licensing and regulating the plumbing industry is the only way I see to do this.

Shannon Noble  
Texas Air Conditioning Contractors Association  
Austin, TX

The Texas Air Conditioning Contractors Association (TACCA) supports HB 636 and the continuation of the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners. TACCA is a nonprofit trade association for heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVAC/R) contractors and industry suppliers in Texas. Our contractor members design, install, maintain and service HVAC/R systems, guided by principals of honesty and integrity. TACCA is committed to improving the industry by helping members succeed and is nationally recognized as a model for other state HVAC/R organizations.

Many of TACCA's HVAC/R contractor members are either dually licensed as plumbers, or their companies have a plumbing division. Texas needs to continue to license and regulate this vital component of our homes and commercial properties. Too much potential harm to lives and damage to structures is possible without properly educated, trained and licensed plumbers, who work on gas lines and connections as well as water systems.

We also support another Sunset review of the Plumbing Board in 2027, to insure that the Plumbing Board is making the changes recommended by the 2019 Sunset Commission, such as modernizing their testing procedures.

Thank you for this opportunity to express TACCA's wholehearted support for Chair Thompson's HB 636 and the continuation of the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners.

Filiberto Mata  
Self, journeyman plumber  
Dallas, TX

48345

Michael Charron  
TSBPE  
McKinney, TX

They shouldn't take a journeyman's license away, because that show's the hard work and dedication plumbers went through to obtain the license, as well as the experience needed for me to trust someone in that line of work.

Steven McKinnis  
Self plumber  
Justin, TX

It is critical to the livelihood of all currently licensed plumbers that the board remain. Please do the right thing and keep the board alive.

Clifton Henderson  
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Local 100

Mesquite, TX

2304918

Russell Wyman

Self / Plumber / Instructor

Dallas, TX

Obtained my apprentice card in 1976. Have been licensed by this Agency since 1979. I have worked and taught within this industry as an Apprentice, Journeyman, Master & Inspector for forty-five (45) years. I have seen and realized the benefits this Agency provides - not only to myself, but to all citizens of this State. I am also licensed by the TDLR & the TCEQ. I have always preferred the plumbing board - over the other Agencies. Thank you for considering my comments.

James Berendzen

Texas master plumber

Crandall, TX

636 I believe in the Board, let's protect this board, and protect the people of Texas, my master license is #14456,

Sam McBride

Self

Burleson, TX

I support this bill

Johnathan Angarone

Local 100 Dallas

Fort Worth, TX

Apprentice registration #137831. Please keep TSBPE!

Alexander Martinez

Self

Garland, TX

This bill will have long lasting effects in the quality of work in the plumbing industry

Stephanie Ginter

Self - plumbing

San Antonio, TX

Keep the TSBPE & use the fee to allow for added staff and updates to equipment and tests.

Jerry allred

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Self m37843

Greenville, TX

For the safety of Texas we need to keep our plumbing board of Texas I see a lot in my 50 years in the piping trade

Heidi Trimble, Executive Director

Associated Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors-San Antonio (PHCC-San Antonio)

San Antonio, TX

The San Antonio chapter of the Associated Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors, the Association supports HB636 . If ever a time the State of Texas realizes the importance of the role of a licensed trained plumber for the health and safety of the public- it has been thru Covid pandemic and the Winter Freeze this past month! Other States look to Texas as an example to follow with regard to the laws governing the plumbing licensing and our fellow States respect the reasoning and value to their citizens. Texas cannot take steps backwards to dilute the profession with minimal requirements and education for the trade- many aspects of daily lives of our national will be affected if that occurs including our precious water supply, sanitation, back flow prevention, infrastructure failures, medical gas for surgeries and medical facilities, and especially the health of the public's and overall well being.

The San Antonio PHCC chapter hosts a Department of Labor approved plumbing apprenticeship school in San Antonio -these students have so much pride in their profession and value the laws and codes that govern with reason their chosen career path. Each students realizes their responsibility to take care of the health and safety of society as a professionally trained and skilled plumber.

Donald Rike

Master M-15144

Forney, TX

I have worked many year to maintain the integrity and safety of the plumbing systems in this state any changes would be a mistake and danger to the people who rely on safety of the system

Donald Rike m 15144

Delanah Suarez

A & A Plumbing

Schertz, TX

I support HB 636

Rishi Jain

UA Local 100 Dallas

Carrollton, TX

Work hard to Keep the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners. Thank you.