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To Whom it May Concern,

I am a student at the Aveda Institute Columbus. I currently have eight hundred and fifty-one hours (851). Under the proposed bill, I would graduate in one hundred forty-nine (149) hours, when in reality, I have six hundred and forty-nine (649) hours to go. There are many days when a shorter time to graduation is very appealing. School consists of long hours - ten hour days - and difficult challenges. On top of that, I have a job and a family. Of course I want to be done with school. What student doesn't? Not unlike my time as an undergrad, there are frustrations, loss of sleep, instructors that you don't mesh with and things you just don't feel like doing. However, unlike my Bachelor of Science degree, I have never heard of anyone or any organization trying to shorten the amount of time spent learning.

Ohio requires 1500 hours of education to become a licensed stylist. It's not the highest amount of hours but it's not the lowest either. Many stylists from other states have said that Ohio's standards for licensure are difficult, harder than many other states. I know that I take pride in being the best. I'm proud that Ohio's license is "hard" to get. I want my license to mean something. I want the time and money spent to mean something, to reflect the time I sacrificed and worked hard to achieve my goal. I want to be the best and at the top of my class, not the bottom. Why would we drop Ohio's status and standards? It doesn't compute and it wouldn't make me feel proud.

Cosmetology school is a place to get experience, safely, under the direct supervision of not one stylist but several. Throughout the week I interact with up to seven different instructors. That's seven ways of learning and seven different ideas on how to reach the same conclusion. That is experience. And the experience gained in 649 hours verse 149 hours makes you a completely different stylist. It allows you to become more capable, more confident and more ready to take on challenges outside of school when YOU are the licensed professional. In the last 100 hours I have encountered new clients, new

challenges and performed services that I haven't attempted until now. Just think of how much more I can learn if left the opportunity.

Sincerely,

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