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RE: SB 133

Dear Members of the Senate Small Business & Economic Opportunity Committee,

The National Association of Barber Boards of America (NABBA) was formed in 1926 for the purpose of maintaining professional standards and policies in the barbering industry; we currently represent 24 state regulatory boards associated with this purpose. Professional standards and policies can only be maintained if regulatory boards and schools understand that students require a realistic amount of time in which to practice their skill sets in order to attain the appropriate level of mastery and competency required for employment and public safety in the barbering industry.

The NABBA is opposed to SB 133 as sponsored by Senator Roegner for the following reasons:

- SB 133 reduces barber education and training hours from 1800 hours to 1000 hours;
- 1000-hour programs do not provide sufficient hands-on practice time for students to achieve mastery and competency;
- Forty of 50 states and the District of Columbia require more than 1000 hours of barber education and training for licensure;
- Ohio graduates of a 1000-hour program will be ineligible for licensure in 40 states, thereby limiting licensure mobility and employability;
- SB 133 references to "hours" should read *clock hours* to avoid confusing or conflating training hour requirements with the "credit hour" designation used in traditional academic programs.

We hope that you will seriously consider the ramifications and unintended consequences that passage of SB 133 will initiate and request your "No" vote to this proposed legislation.

Respectfully,

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