

My name is Waverly Willis. I am the chairman of the Ohio Barber and beauty alliance(OBBA). I am the owner of Urban Kutz Barbershop which has three locations and lastly I am a barber instructor. IF HB 238 is passed it will reduce a person's skill set and force them to work under the thumb of chain salons which are suffering right now because they cannot find employees. The reason most barbers get into the barber industry is to be an independent contractor thus working for themselves. With the reduced hours HB 238 is proposing the barbers will not come out of barber college with the skill set needed to work in a traditional of barbershop. It is a myth that has been told to you that part of the reason behind this bill is to reduce debt and the barriers to the barber industry . The truth behind this is if you reduce the hours these future barbers will not be able to get a good chunk of their financial aid thus making them eventually quit school or not go down the barber path at all The barber industry in Ohio is thriving .We are making a good living by working for ourselves. We are opening up businesses. We are tax paying professionals in Ohio that no one from the opposition has bothered to talk to. The powers that be have not offered talk to us, the people that are actually working in the field, that are boots on the ground everyday . Lastly our number one responsibility as professional barbers is to protect the general public as well as ourselves. If HB 238 is passed you will see a huge spike in accidents and lawsuits as we work with chemicals as well as razors. If you pass this bill it would doing the barber industry and the general public as a whole are great disservice please don't pass HB 238.