

I was recently inducted into the National Barber, Hall, Fame. I am only the fourth female since 1969. My message to everyone that evening was I didn't become a barbers because I was too dumb to do anything else. None of us did. Barbers are pillars in the community. (Will List importance of barbers) I was told before I came down to testify to be careful with what I say because I may offend you. Well, I've been fighting the de regulation of my career for a decade now. Winning each time. I have made Countless trips to Columbus from Cleveland, spending and wasting so much time, money and energy, And yet we should be careful not to offend you. Well, I stand before and I am the one offended and insulted time and time again....WE all take offense that Roegnar and perhaps some of you don't think our job is a real profession. I don't care about her feelings because she is the one trying to destroy our education and livelihoods. How about we take offense that we bring dozens of people multiple times from hours away on our own dime and we've been literally cutt off mid sentence, you're sleeping and walking out of the room during our testimonies. How about instead of her sitting up there on her high horse preaching about "getting people out into the workplace" you give time to understand that our industry is a majority against this. You having zero knowledge or care for our business get to decide our fate. We don't get to sit up there and do your job. And make decisions that effect your livelihood. What makes you so qualified?

I will speak on - topic such as Given that there are 120,000 cosmetology licensees and 10,000 barber licensees, is obtaining an education really preventing people from going into barbering and cosmetology? COS-BAR is the 4th largest licensing board in the State. CTE classes and private schools are filled with students, every year the amount of students increase. THERE IS NO PROBLEM HERE.

Remind the Senators of C above. Let those who complain that they cannot attract workers recruit people into the profession and encourage them to use this new tool. If 1,000 hours is the panacea, then, hey, give it more than a few weeks to work.

Encourage the Committee and in our written communications with Senators to strip out the hours amendments and allow SB 89 to come out of Committee as a "clean bill."

I want to Express the fundamental truth that an amendment that was not public until hours before the last State Government Oversight Committee Meeting was slipped a bill about a Cosmetology compact, having nothing to do with barbering. The people who are complaining about the licenses are not employing barbers, why are they trying to create a legion of unqualified people in barbering when the Cosmetology compact and the cosmetology chain salons have nothing to do with barbering any way? Why are we the whipping boy

I want to point out that educational hours established in law were placed into law by the General Assembly at the request of the Cosmetology Board and Barber Board many years ago. The two boards, now one, held years worth of analysis of the industries, put together experts, licensed professionals, educators, business owners. The Boards established the hours, and asked the General Assembly to place these hours into law. Note that today's Cosmetology and Barber Board have not asked this and in testimony before the Ohio House just this week stated that there were no additional changes to state law that they needed that are not contained in H.B. 189 (Roemer). So the professionals that the state has entrusted to look after this matter say that hours reductions are not warranted.

I Urge the Senators to strip the hours amendment from S.B. 89. It has nothing to do with barbering, there has been no stand alone legislation introduced into the Senate on this topic, no debate held, no chance to respond to this massive policy change and its impact. Barbering is not an over regulated industry, it costs very little comply with very basic common sense rules that the Board makes and literally, the educational requirements represent less than 1 year of schooling for a lifetime career. If they are so worried about regulations being a deterrent to the economy, eliminate one year of law school, two years of medical school, 1 year of college for a 3 year degree. That is real money and more people are impacted by it. I will Show the contrast as to the absurdity of this position.

There is no proof, only rhetoric that educational hours have anything to do with people going into or not going into barbering. This is rhetorical but not evidenced in reality. People pursue their dreams and obtain the appropriate education. PERIOD.