As a practicing barber instructor and practicing barber with three barber shops and 20 years of being a professional in my opinion currently at the 1800 hours barber students need to graduate it is difficult for me to have to leave my client in the chair to train a new barber. At 1000 hours I cannot bring in a new barber because it will take too much time for me to train them, 1,000 hours is just not enough.

The people that are for SB89 are telling the you the lies that their are barriers to Barber education. That is absolutely not true. In if you agree to lowering the hours to 1,000 a high percentage a barber students(I don't know the exact numbers) but I am willing to say at least 60% will not be able to go to Barber college because they will not be eligible for financial aid. So the barrier will be increased by reducing the hours not keeping them the same. SB89 continues to be brought to the table because places like sports clips, best cuts and the chain places are hurting bad for employees. More Barber students are graduating working in a barber shop for a couple of years and then starting their own barbershops making them business owners and stakeholders in their community. As a Black man and as a Black business owner speaking historically we have not been afforded opportunities to control our own destiny .Now more than any other time in history we have the ability to do be our on boss, make our own decisions, and have ownership with something not merely being employees. I feel like SB89 will push us back culturally because it is limiting the knowledge retained in barber college that is needed to run a good barbershop business .SB89 will create more employees & less business owners.Lastly I feel that SB89 will put the general public in danger because obviously a large chunk of information will have to be cut from the barber students curriculum. We cannot cut chemical services ,we cannot cut razor work, We will have to drastically cut their time on the practical floor when they get the experience of working with the general public. as a public servant you of all people know the more experience You have working with people bthe better, not just for barbering but for life.

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