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Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chair Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the House State and Local Government Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written opposition testimony on HB399.

My name is Ralph P. Delserone III and I am the owner of Raphael's School of Beauty Culture, Inc. We have been training Ohioans in beauty related fields for over 50 years. I am opposed to HB399.

Reducing training hours will have a negative impact on having well trained job ready Cosmetologists and Barbers in the beauty Industry. HB399 will make it impossible for our graduates to ever move to another state and transfer their license. All bordering states require more than 1000 hours, 42 States currently require at least 1500 hours of training. HB399 is another attempt from big business hair cutting franchises who want cheap low skill labor. They want to reduce training hours so that they can pay lower wages to a lower skilled cosmetologist. Ohio Cosmetologists and Barbers have worked very hard to elevate the beauty industry in Ohio. Please oppose HB399, this bill will significantly reduce the earning ability of Cosmetologists and Barbers

This will hurt the single mother raising her children on a single income; this is our typical Cosmetology graduate. A graduate with less training is less qualified and safe in the beauty industry. We train our students on Sanitation, Disinfection, and how to identify many issues relating to the hair and skin. Less training in sanitation and disinfection control puts the public at a greater risk of contracting an infection or other illness while receiving a salon service.

This bill is bad for Ohio and even worse for our graduates and future graduates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ralph Delserone'.

Ralph Delserone  
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