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Opposition Testimony on SB133

To Chairman Rulli, Vice-Chair Lang, Ranking Member Sykes, and the Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee members: Thank you for considering my testimony as I urge you to vote no on Senate Bill 133.

My name is James Mason and I am currently a Barber Student at Dayton Barber College in Miamisburg, Ohio. I am currently at 1118 hours. I oppose Senate Bill 133 for the following reasons and I hope you take those into consideration before you make your vote whether or not to pass it.

- 1.) It would eliminate a massive amount of a student's clinical hours which is so important to a Barber Student.
- 2.) It would not give a student enough time to complete the entire Milady Training by taking it down from 1800 hours at 52 weeks to 1000 hours at approximately 28.5 weeks. There are 21 Chapters with some being 2-3 week courses so that could potentially rush the entire course through even to get every chapter once.
- 3.) It would jeopardize the industry by putting barbers into the field who are not sufficiently trained, (I don't believe anyone is taking into considerations the training on chemicals, disinfecting and sanitation along with proper use of the straight razor)
- 4.) This past year during the pandemic we have not been able to practice razor work, chemicals or facial services like we normally would due to us and the clients wearing facemasks.
- 5.) It would eliminate State Board practical exams at the board which could open the door to corrupt examining practices at some schools. There needs to be consistent examinations by a board official.
- 6.) It would eliminate the opportunity for most students to receive Pell Grants putting the average student out of pocket around \$3000.00- \$4000.00 for the program which would decrease the amount of students who could afford to come to school.
- 7.) It would eliminate ANY PELL GRANTS for the Cosmo/Barber course that we offer at my school because the training would go down to just 400 hours which falls below financial aid requirements.
- 8.) It would eliminate reciprocity opportunities in my future, right now I can take my Ohio license when I get it to all 50 states and easily convert it to that states license but at 1000 which is what this bill proposes, I would only be able to go to a handful of states and none of those would be neighboring states. All Ohio neighboring states are well above 1000 hours.

Thank you,

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