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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 Yvonne Myers Williams, I have been a licensed Managing Cosmetologist for thirty-seven years. I have been a licensed Cosmetology Instructor for twenty-nine years. I'm also a licensed Barber for eighteen years and a licensed Barber Instructor for twelve years. I was also a vocational cosmetology teacher at a high school for twenty years, so I understand education from both the high school and private school aspect. I firmly believe that students need every minute of their 1500 hours to be successful in the industry.

The barber and cosmetology profession are something I hold dear to my heart. It is my passion to educate the students to be proficient in this industry and ensure their success. I have seen a lot of changes in recent years in this profession; some changes were good, and some were bad. If the most recent possible change (Senate Bill 133) is passed, it will be a disgrace to the industry. If this bill is passed it will lower the education standards of the students in the beauty industry. Ohio is currently one of the states with very high education standards and reciprocity with many other states in the country. It will be very difficult for students to hold a license in other states, and travel to increase their income. Likewise, if the 800 hours are cut from the Barber program and 500 hours from the cosmetology program it will leave a lot of room for error in the practical training of the students and pose a higher risk to the public. My professional experience and time spent instructing speaks wholeheartedly to these negative consequences.

Please support me in opposition of SB 133.

Thanks,

Yvonne Myers Williams