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Testifying on Bill Number: 133

Testimony:  Verbal  Written  Both

Testifying As:  Proponent  Opponent  Interested Party

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## Ohio Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee

May, 19, 2021

Proponent Testimony

Senate Bill 133

OCCTA(Ohio Cosmetology Career Teacher Association)

Chairman Rulli, Vice Chair Lang, Ranking Member Sykes and members of the Senate and Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee.

My name is Katt Marriott, I am here representing the OCCTA, it is an organization that serves all secondary and post-secondary educators in Career-Technical Education in Ohio. I have been a licensed cosmetologist for 35 years and have since, worked in a franchised salon, owned my own salon, been a career-technical educator, and am currently as a workforce transition/and McKinney-Vento Coordinator. I am the past president of the OCCTA and been a member for more than 20 years.

I am here today as a proponent of Senate Bill 133 as proposed by Senator Roegner, I have read all the opponent and proponent testimony regarding this issue. There have been many inconsistencies in data provided by the opposition and no time in the testimony did they protect and serve the learner.

- A lesser amount of hours does not equal to a lesser amount of education. It means learning at a different pace.
- The opposition does not address the issues with student debt ratio when discussing the funding sources.
- The Ohio State Cosmetology and Barber Board is the equalizer and evaluator of this equation. Once licensed we all become equals. Experience makes up the differences. So the myth that the salon will be responsible for the additional education is false.
- Senate Bill 133 is a common sense approach to the transition from student to stylist for our industry.
- Career technical AND college not OR Looking through a career technical lens the options in the past was either us or college. The focus has changed and now gives students options of doing both.

- Career technical schools have two (2) set or rules to abide by. The Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio State Cosmetology and Barber Board. Our standards are high and rigorous and are being met by our educators and staff.
- Students who have completed the program this school year and have applied to take the examination are not even being scheduled at the Board office in Grove City, this proposal would streamline the examination process.

Sincerely,

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