**Proponent Testimony on SB 129 (Written)**

**By Courtnie A. Wesselman**

**Before the Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**On Tuesday, December 12, 2017**

Chairman Coley, Vice Chair Uecker, Ranking Member Schiavoni and distinguished members of the Senate Government Accountability & Reform Committee. My name is Courtnie Wesselman and I am a Technical Coach/Stylist for Sport Clips Haircuts located in the Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati area. I want to express my support for the cosmetology reforms contained in SB 129.

* This bill will allow us to fully staff our stores and decrease hiring issues in the future
* I was licensed in 2007 and since then it has been increasingly difficult each year to find more stylists in our stores
* I do not believe staying in school an additional 800 hours got me any further with my technical skills to cut hair
* Cutting down hours will make the business more profitable when there are more stylists to hire that are graduating sooner
* More salons are struggling with such a high expectation of hours from Ohio

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on SB 129 to the committee. I understand this hearing is the last opportunity for SB 129 to be discussed before the holidays. I urge your favorable action on the bill in early 2018.