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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 Troy Turner, I am a licensed Barber and Barber Instructor at Dayton Barber College and I am writing this testimony to Oppose Senate Bill 133.

My reasons I am opposed this bill are:

1. By reducing the hours from 1800 to 1000, it will not benefit the student and would burden the shop owners. I believe Barbers are trained on specific services like shaving, fading and strong sanitation and reducing the hours will not help develop those skills before going into the work field. There are shops out there like Great Clips, Borics, Sports Clips that only mass produce haircuts but from a Barber who has owned Barber Shops and whom others call about potential Barbers, I want that peace of mind that they are qualified.
2. And by reducing hours the student would have even less time to develop skills on the clinic floor because the hours will not be available for that.
3. The reduction of hours would eliminate most Pell Grants for students who can't afford to come out of pocket which would deter students from entering the program.
4. I think this bill not only changes, but ultimately will destroy what I know as the Barbering Industry. I am a Barber by CHOICE! I did not want to be just a stylist or hair dresser. I am and will always be a Proud Barber.

Respectfully,

Troy Turner

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