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H.B. #58 OPPONENT TESTIMONY – EXHIBIT “A”

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REASON #1: PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OHIO VOTERS!

Beauty services require intimate contact between client and practitioner, often in the areas of the eyes, lips, scalp and hands . HB 58 strips three (3) vital safeguards from unsuspecting Ohio citizens: background, education, and certification. Unlike, for example, dog grooming, the client of an untrained and uncertified cosmetology practitioner may suffer personal bodily harm, including disfigurement.

REASON #2: CONFUSION CREATES CHAOS A:

SALON (noun)

an establishment where a [hairdresser](#), [beautician](#), or [couturier](#) conducts business.

"women have their hair cut in a hair salon"

HB 58 lays the ground work for complete confusion about what comprises a “salon”, especially among the general public that, for eons, have understood the term to denote experience, ability and cleanliness.

REASON #3: CONFUSION CREATES CHAOS B:

The proposed definition of “Blow-dry styling” will effectively permit the unlicensed and untrained to perform most cosmetology services other than chemicals and haircuts. The “practice of cleaning, drying, arranging, or styling hair” is precisely contained in the definition of what cosmetology includes! SHAMEFUL!

REASON #4: CONFUSION CREATES CHAOS C:

The removal of the “practice of natural hair styling” from cosmetology law represents the worst form of back-handed insult. Black hair is not just darker- it is different! The inclusion of this training as a separate course is relatively recent, the

culmination of many years of combined effort. It is honorable, it is necessary, and it is about time!

CONCLUSION:

This is seriously poor legislation. It is poorly written, illogical, confusing, incomplete and does nothing to help “protect the health and safety of Ohio citizens”.

Thank you for your patience in considering these comments, issued with love and respect for a proud profession that has shared my life.

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