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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2020 12:00:26 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

First Name: Noe

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Organization you are affiliated with:

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

In reference to Sunset Advisory Commission Issue 3:

We adamantly oppose all three recommendations.

Consolidating Cosmo/Barber:

We oppose this in that the legacy of barbering is a wholesome main street community fixture, and licensure has increased over 20% in the past two years.

Barbering is an industry that minorities and the Black community use to develop out of poverty by empowering themselves, and the Cosmo industry is a different demographic.

There has not been a reduction of licenses within the past 10 years in the barbering industry. This is not a valid request.

Eliminate Cosmo/Barber instructor license:

We oppose. All reputable industries rely on Certified Educators to understand not just the subject to be taught, but most importantly HOW humans learn. Has the Sunset Committee opened the Milady Master Educator book to see what it entails? The intricacies of teaching reaches far beyond what the typical person would know. Things that are taught stretch more than the physical world, the things we take in account that affect the subconscious mind.

State regulations, the prevention of human trafficking, and now the reduction of the spread of COVID-19 are all very serious topics. And instructor certification is imperative.

In the delicate season we live in, with the fear of COVID 19, industries that deal with the public health should be required to maintain a standard, NOT reduce it.

Eliminate State Regulation of Barber Poles:

We oppose it. Our history of barber surgeons is a reality that runs deep in the culture of barbering and the pole symbolizes it. The red symbolizes the blood, the veins is in the blue, the white is from the bandages that wrapped around the pole to dry from the wind. The basins at the bottom were to catch the blood, and to hold leeches for bloodletting.

The symbolism of the Barber Pole is as valuable to our trade as the stars and stripes are to Americans.

It is a universal symbol. Do not eliminate regulation.

Unity is crucial in this time.

Respectfully,

Noe Benitez

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Instead of having paper licenses, let's have the DMV make actual licenses similar to our driver's licenses to avoid the possibility of having someone post their own picture on someone else's license.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree