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**To:** Sunset Advisory Commission  
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Sunset Commission,

Back in June line item # 3 recommendations for the beauty industry to removal all instructor licenses.

As the Cosmetology Program Coordinator for Southwest Tx Jr College. What will this do to our students that are enrolling in this program? How will this benefit any student? I have been a licensed cosmetologist for 14 years and an instructor for 12 years. Without the fundamentals of my instructor program, I wouldn't be able to be a mentor, coordinator, and director of any school. After reviewing reports eliminating the wig instructor license that does make some sense that I can support it doesn't have any licensed wig instructors. Cosmetology Instructors are overpowering all instructor's licenses in Texas. This is also over \$300,000 in revenue for the state in-licenses renewals. We got blindsided last year with a proposed bill to deregulate our industry now to remove instructors in our field doesn't make any sense. We have trained and given all we can to our students twice as much as academic teachers providing real-world experiences. The passing rate for the written instructor's license is 46% how do you justify eliminating a license? The practical portion is 90% this can be something that can be eliminated if you are wanting to stop part of the testing.

Merging Cosmetology and Barber licenses can have some benefits overall. But where would it leave those that have only have one license? How would schools merge both curriculums? How will this affect High Schools with Dual credit? Would you create just a Stylist license with no hair and nail curriculum for 1000 hours? For those that don't want to do hair or nails, New Mexico recently added this license. Merging the licenses how long would the curriculum be 1500-2000 hours?

Please reconsider supporting line item #3 removal of all instructor licenses. Please support all educators in the technical programs as we have been working face to face during this pandemic to ensure the education of our students during this time. Why is this even something we are having to discuss? Educators make over \$300,000 in revenue for the state.

How will you justify this revenue if the license is eliminated?

Best Regards,

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