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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

First Name: crystal

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State: Texas

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

I am Very opposed to 3.2 Eliminate barbering and cosmetology instructor licenses.

I have been in the Cosmetology School business for the past 30 years. In that period of time, I have had an opportunity to employ many licensed instructors. I have seen some very good instructors and some very incompetent instructors—and, these were all people who were educated by taking a course of instruction to teach and passing a very thorough instructor exam. Cosmetology Instructors have to learn a myriad of information about lesson planning, classroom organization, student learning styles, communication skills and visual aids that help students learn the content. Cosmetologists do not learn these skills while in cosmetology school. And, with the Texas legislature lowering required cosmetology hours by 1/3, they will even be learning less about cosmetology in general. Much of what they teach is how to teach chemistry of the products that are used in the salon, anatomy physiology, bacteriology and the sanitation and safety measures that students need to know to go out and practice their skill while keeping the public safe from the spread of disease. Nurses and any other professionals are not qualified to teach after they learn the basics of their field. People spend thousands of dollars to get a Cosmetology education.

The State of Texas would be doing the public a huge disservice to declare that anybody graduating with the minimum requirements for a Cosmetology or Barber license is qualified to teach.

I recommend that this agency be more supportive of advancing education in the fields of Cosmetology and Barbering and not bend to private interests of those who want to lower hours and lower education requirements to promote their own agendas. This agency is not just in the business of collecting fees, but should also be supportive of advancing the professions they regulate.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please continue to support our industry the way you have always, please continue to keep Cosmetology & Barbering Education at the Highest Level of Standards for Texas.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree