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**Subject:** FW: Opposed to Eliminating Instructor Licenses  
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**From:** Stephanie Lindsey  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:36:23 AM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** Sunset Advisory Commission  
**Subject:** Opposed to Eliminating Instructor Licenses

To Whom it May Concern:

This is in regard to the suggestion to eliminate all instructor licenses for Cosmetology and Barbering. I am perplexed as to why you feel having a professional instructor license is a burden to licensees. It has never been a burden. On the contrary, I find it very satisfying to know that I have accomplished more than the ordinary professional. I actually went back to school to get another certificate. Isn't that what normal people do when they want to get ahead? They go back to school and gain another degree. I am glad I did. It was NOT an undue burden.

I cannot fathom the thought of letting **any** licensed hairdresser or barber walk in off the street and expect them to be able to teach anything, because this is what you are proposing. This is going to put an **undue burden on current instructors** because now we will have to stop and train any incoming instructor with NO training or experience. When and how do you think we will have time to train someone to teach if it is not in our curriculum? At least with the current laws we have time to work with these hairdressers and show them "the ropes". We teach them to teach. We teach them how to work professionally with students. We teach them to follow all safety and sanitation procedures. We teach them to make lesson plans. We teach them how to speak to students and know when it's time to take more strenuous measures. I am sick to my stomach thinking about this. This profession requires a high level of knowledge in technical skills, SANITATION, public safety, chemicals and interpersonal skills needed for success in the industry. The required hours for Cosmetology have been reduced, and now more than ever, QUALIFIED instructors are needed to give the prospective stylists the training and nurturing needed to be successful.

Would you expect your child to be trained by a teacher that walked in off the street? Just because she had been a student once, does that make her qualified to teach? This is the craziest thing I've heard of in a while. First, the legislatures lowered the number of hours to be trained, making students less qualified to work, and now they want students to be trained by other students basically. How is this a good plan for anyone? Would you want a high school graduate teaching college level courses without training? This is the equivalent in our industry.

I beg you, do NOT recommend this change. It will be another decline for our industry. Are you trying to abolish professional hairdressers completely? It seems like it from where I sit. This is a \$500+ billion industry. The public doesn't want less qualified and prepared stylists.

Please do your part and help out an industry in high demand. I think this has been proven since Covid19. **Let's keep cosmetology professional and not lower our standards yet again.** This would

be a huge mistake.

Best regards,



I will be out for personal leave on the following dates  
and will respond the following Mondays:  
6/18, 6/25, 7/01, and 7/09

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**From:** Stephanie Lindsey  
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**To:** Sunset Advisory Commission  
**Cc:** Brandy McKinnon; Gloria Prince; Kayla Hecox; Keilah R. Marcom; Kerrie (Karen) Stewart; Terrent Lawson; Debbie Huffman  
**Subject:** Sunset Staff Recommendations

Dear Sunset Advisory Commission Board members,

I would like some information regarding your recommendation for TDLR's Issue 3 that you have proposed. Under the Key Recommendations you list

- Consolidate Texas' regulation of barbers and cosmetology, and administer the two programs as one.
- **Eliminate instructor** and wig-related licenses.

Could you please clarify this recommendation? Are you referring to all instructors of Cosmetology and Barbering licenses be eliminated or only wig-related instructor licenses?

This is very gut-punching to see. If you are wanting to eliminate all instructors, how would we continue to have training in the schools? Would students not need to attend school any longer to learn the required skills, including safety and sanitation procedures?

Please clarify this recommendation for me and thousands of other concerned Texas Cosmetology and Barber Instructors.



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

I am writing to let you know I am adamantly against one of the Key Recommendations in Issue 3 regarding the elimination of instructor licenses.

I'm not sure how this got put into this issue of consolidating Barbering and Cosmetology along with the removal of wig-related licenses. It has nothing to do with it. If I am interpreting this as it states, you are recommending eliminating all instructor licenses in Cosmetology and Barbering? This is asinine!

How will students learn proper techniques and skills without instructors?

This is a very important role in preparing for licensure. Instructors have the expertise and knowledge to ensure students follow stringent safety and sanitation practices to protect themselves and the public. Can you imagine someone off the street teaching themselves? This is a scary thought. Please do not eliminate instructor licenses for Cosmetology or Barbering. This is an indispensable license in our field.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: If putting Barbering and Cosmetology under one umbrella then I recommend the Instructor License be good for either type license. If an Instructor has a Cosmetology license they could still teach Barbering and an Instructor with a Barber License could also teach Cosmetology.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree