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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

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

Dear Sunset Commission, the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is a daily reminder that abolishing the Texas Cosmetology Instructor's License would be detriment to the Cosmetology Industry. Prior to obtaining my Instructors licensed I worked 10 years as a stylist, manager and supervisor for several salons. I can assure you all my experience did not prepare me to transition into a classroom to deliver student information for both traditional and special population students. I completed my fifteenth year of teaching this year and I contribute many volunteer hours to several different cosmetology positions state and locally.

In the next few paragraphs I will be addressing my views on the cosmetology review submitted to TDLR. I support two separate state licensing structures for barbers and cosmetologists is redundant and consolidating the Barber and Cosmetology License would be beneficial only if barbers meet the equivalent standards as cosmetology. Eliminating all wig related license puts clients with alopecia at a higher risk of scalp disorder and diseases if training in sanitation and disinfection are not required. Opposed I oppose all instructor license are redundant and burdensome. Instructors are the foundation of our industry's future. Good health and safety practices start in the classroom. The beauty profession requires the most skin-to-skin contact of any profession except for the medical field which is why it is now more important than ever to ensure instructors maintain fewer disciplinary actions. The lack of instructor accountability puts the schools, students and public at risk.

I oppose the recommendation to include one public member to serve as the board's chair. The best candidate should hold the position. Private, post-secondary and secondary should have equal representation on the board. Sincerely,

Aleshia Rivera

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: None at this time.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree