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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

First Name: Marilee

Last Name: Smith

Title: Cosmetology Operator Instructor

Organization you are affiliated with: Conroe Independent School District

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City: Conroe

State: Texas

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

I am concerned about the continuing effort to devalue the barber and cosmetology licensing and education.

- #1. I support the ability to combine the barber and cosmetology but we need to make the education and age requirements the same. The program at the high school level encourages students to finish their high school education instead of dropping out.
- #2. I oppose the elimination of the cosmetology operator instructor and wig instructor licenses. In order to become an instructor you need further education in teaching methods in addition to continuing education in education and in industry. I believe removing this license is an attempt to devalue the industry overall.
- #3. Removing the wig license should not be an option. There is a lot of sanitation procedures that need to be followed in order for the public to be protected. If the license is removed, there will not be any oversight and inspections of these salon.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I would recommend that the regulation of braiding salons be reinstated as there is knowledge about hair texture as well as the safety and sanitation of the public that needs oversight.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree