

To: House and Senate conferees on the omnibus State Government Finance bill

Regarding: Re: Reject transferring State Board of Cosmetology to Department of Health

From: Judith A. Garcia

As a licensed Advanced Practice Esthetician and licensed nail technician and former salon owner I appreciate the great job the Board of Cosmetology is doing.

I have been in this profession since the 1970's and I have seen a number of changes in governing and leadership. Cosmetology was once subject to state oversight which was awful to say the least. Of all the different forms of leadership there has been over the years none have been as good as the current Board of Cosmetology.

From personal experience I find the current board easy to work with, they listen, communicate and are responsive to licensees. Board staff and directors are professional, forward thinking and perform their responsibility to the public and licensees with the interest of all in mind. I fully support board staff who work tirelessly for licensees. And I appreciate and thank executive director Gina Fast for her excellent leadership.

I am in total opposition to the Senate proposal of transferring cosmetology to the Department of Health.

Respectfully

Judith A. Garcia
9508 Oakland Ave.
Bloomington, MN 55420

C.I.D.E.S.C.O. Diplomate
Advanced Practice Esthetician
Manager License #19022330
Exp:3-31-2022
Nail Technician
License #18010612
Exp: 3-31-2023