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

RE: Reject transferring State Board of Cosmetology to Department of Health

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As a licensed cosmetologist and licensed cosmetology instructor I want the Board of Cosmetology to remain where it is and not be transferred to a state agency such as the Department of Health. I appreciate the current board is independent and responsive to our professional licensees. Cosmetology has been subjected to a state agency in the past, under the Commerce Department, and it was disastrous.

I fully support the current board staff and find them responsive to issues that arise. The current director is very good and responds quickly to the needs of the industry. I have been in this industry for more than forty years and it makes me very sad to see it continuously coming under deregulation and having it become part of a large department that makes it invisible.

I would **not** want to see the State Board of Cosmetology moved, placing it under the Department of Health.

Thank you.

Katherine E. Martin



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