

Letter of Support for HB 5683 and HB 5684

Dear Chair Tyron Carter and Members of the House Regulatory Reform Committee,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for House Bills HB 5684 and 5683, currently under consideration by your esteemed committee. As a business owner and an advocate for the enhancement of professional standards in the cosmetology and esthetics industry, I firmly believe that these bills present a crucial opportunity to advance the field and better serve our community.

My name is Michelle Gutek, and I am the proud owner of two reputable schools, Royal Oak and Taylor, dedicated to providing top-tier education and training in the cosmetology and esthetics sectors. Over the years, our institutions have nurtured countless talented individuals, equipping them with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in this dynamic field.

House Bills 5684 and 5683, introduced by Rep. Tullio Liberati, Jr., propose significant amendments to the Public Health Code and the Occupational Code, aimed at expanding the scope of services that licensed estheticians and cosmetologists can offer. These proposed changes are not only timely but also essential for keeping pace with the evolving demands of the industry and ensuring that professionals are equipped to meet the diverse needs of their clientele.

Specifically, House Bill 5684 seeks to broaden the range of skin care services that estheticians and cosmetologists can provide, including innovative treatments such as dermaplaning, microdermabrasion, and nonmedical grade hydrodermabrasion. These additions not only reflect advancements in skincare technology but also empower professionals to deliver comprehensive and effective solutions to their clients.

Moreover, House Bill 5683 addresses regulatory barriers that may hinder licensed estheticians and cosmetologists from performing certain procedures within their scope of practice. By clarifying the permissible scope of activities and streamlining regulatory processes, this bill promotes professional autonomy and facilitates the delivery of safe, high-quality care to consumers.

As an industry stakeholder and educator, I believe that these legislative reforms are long overdue and have the potential to positively impact both professionals and consumers alike. By expanding the scope of permissible services and ensuring regulatory clarity, we can foster a more conducive environment for innovation, growth, and excellence within the cosmetology and esthetics industry.

In conclusion, I urge you to support House Bills HB 5684 and 5683 and to prioritize their swift passage. These bills represent a significant step forward in advancing professional standards, promoting consumer safety, and unlocking new opportunities for economic growth and innovation. Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

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