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To Whom it May Concern:

This is a letter to acknowledge support of HB 2305. I am a licensed barber and barber instructor. I am employed at a Kansas licensed barber school.

It has been brought to our attention that the Kansas Board of Barbering is intending to separate the fees for testing (both written and practical) for barber licensure. While we understand that this will raise the cost for testing our students, we also are aware of the significant increase in the cost our Board pays the testing company.

I believe I share the same opinion of many barbers in Kansas when I say I feel the Board of Barbering has been quite fair in maintaining the costs to licensees, students, shop and school owners for many years. This separation of fees will not create much burden to school owners either in cost or in administrative detail.

Further, and more importantly in my opinion, is the statutory request to change the "passing" score by lowering it from the current 80% to 75% on the written examination. This will have a positive impact on the number of students who are able to achieve a passing score with fewer attempts.

In closing, I would like to express my support of HB 2305 and hope you will consider this a positive step for licensed barbers as well as the barber industry in the State.

Sincerely

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