

Yolanda Gomez

Good morning members of the Committee. My name is Yolanda Gomez and I have been a hair stylist for 30 years. I am also a single mother of 3 daughters, and I am very passionate about hair styling.

Unfortunately, I tried over 10 times to get a cosmetology license, but it is just too complex since it includes content related to services that I do not provide.

As you know, every time that you take the test, you have to pay the fee, and for someone like me it simply became too expensive.

I try to become better at what I do every day, and I take classes online since they are cheaper than in person.

I only ask you to please change the laws and create a new license that allows people to work on hair without having to spend money unnecessarily in learning to do services that we will not provide. We need to be able to choose which services we want to provide and be tested solely on that.

If you are able to simplify this process, you will be providing an opportunity for a lot of us to grow in our profession and create access to a license for a lot of my colleagues in order to have a better life.

Thank you.