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Senator Kris Jordan and member of the Sunset Review Committee

Over the past several years there have been many attempts to reorganize State regulatory boards by combining or consolidation. The conception is that it reduces staff and provides a substantial savings in operational cost. Evidenced in many states that have tried and then returned to individual boards is that this approach does not work, as it increases the size of the bureaucracy, creates extensive delays in the licensure process and most of all demonstrates no real cost savings. By maintaining the semi-autonomous structure insures that the boards have qualified staff that understands the unique needs of each profession.

Barbering and cosmetology are and always have been two separate professions. Each has its own areas of expertise. The consuming public is well served by these professionals. The professional organizations from these two boards do not support consolidation.

I respect the challenges that lawmakers are faced with today, but please, bigger is not always better. Please let these professionals maintain their own autonomy.

Respectfully,

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