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**To:** Maida Townsend **Subject:** VT H 684

Good Afternoon Representative Townsend,

I hope you are well. My name is Bridget Sharpe and I am the Government Affairs Manager for the Professional Beauty Association (PBA). PBA represents the interests of salon owners and licensed professionals in Vermont and nationwide.

I understand H 684 will be heard in the committee you chair, Government Operations. I ask that you amend the bill to increase the number of nail technician hours. Across the country, nail technicians are the #1 offenders when it comes to health, safety and sanitation violations reported to their Boards of Cosmetology. Lowering these hours to 200 (among the lowest in the nation) will put your constituents at a health and safety risk. We ask that you amend the bill to ensure mandated formal training not exceed 400 hours.

Sincerely, Bridget Sharpe

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