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Ms. Shingu: Thank you very much. Your letter will be be posted on our web page and entered into the record. Best regards, Maida F. Townsend, Chair, House Government Operations

From: Tonja Shingu <<u>tonja@frankcooperinc.com</u>>
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February 2, 2018

Madam Chair, Director Benjamin, Representatives of the House Government Operations Committee, Members of the VT State Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists,

I am a licensed Professional in Vermont and a Vermont Resident. I am writing to strongly urge you <u>not</u> to reduce the current number of hours required for licensing for Vermont Barbers, Cosmetologists, Estheticians and Nail Technicians as proposed in H.684.

This decrease in hours required for licensure will devalue the industry, while not allowing the proper time for education. This is putting more burden on those already licensed to supervise and educate those coming into the Industry for the health and well being of our current clients.

Further I would strongly recommend the removal of all changes related to hours in this current legislation.

Thank You Tonja Shingu Employee Development Frank Cooper inc