

Caleb Gatzemeyer

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To Whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to show support of HB 2305. I am a licensed barber in the state of Kansas, as well as a barber instructor. I am employed at a Kansas licensed barber school in Fort Leavenworth.

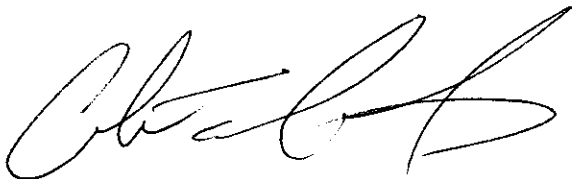
There are a few things I would like to share that has been brought to my attention. The Kansas Board of Barbering is intending to separate the fees for testing (both written and practical) for barber licensure. While I understand that this will raise the cost for testing our students, I am aware and understand of the cost increase that the Board has to pay the testing company. This separation of fees will not create much weight to the school owners in cost.

I have the opinion that most barbers like myself feel the Barber Board has been unbelievably fair in maintaining the costs to students, schools and shop owners and licensees for many years.

It is also of my opinion, that the statutory request to change the "passing" score by lowering it from the current 80% to 75% on the written exam. This will help in allowing students to pass and create more barbers in our industry.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your time and to convey my support of HB 2305. I hope you will deem this the right step for licensed barbers and the barber industry in the state of Kansas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caleb Gatzemeyer', written in a cursive style.

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