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House Office Building
Room 231
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Maryland House Economic Matters Committee,

On behalf of our licensed beauty professionals and small business owners in the state of Maryland, I support HB 448 and ask that you vote favorably for its passage.

The Professional Beauty Association (PBA), a national non-profit membership association, provides business education, government advocacy, and events to ensure career success with integrity. Part of our mission is to share knowledge regarding consumer safety and professional accountability.

Apprenticeships are a valid alternative path to receiving a cosmetology license in Maryland. Allowing each experienced cosmetologist to supervise two apprentices opens this path to more individuals wishing to pursue this educational path. This has a positive impact on the industry and individuals by reducing red tape to enter the industry.

On behalf of our members and your constituents, we ask that you support House Bill 448 and vote yes.

Sincerely,



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