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Laura Kelly, Governor

Madam Chair, Mr. Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am Cassiopeia Capps, the new Administrative Officer of the Board of Barbering. We license over 1,800 barbers, 500 shops, and 9 schools across Kansas.

We are asking for this new regulation, proposed K.A.R. 61-4-3, so that we comply with KSA 74-120 regarding criminal or civil records that could potentially disqualify an applicant from becoming licensed. The proposed regulation follows that statute by setting out that a person can submit information about their backgrounds and ask for an informal, advisory opinion on whether the Board would deny a license based on that criminal or civil record. A benefit of this advisory opinion is that persons with criminal records who might otherwise think they couldn't get an occupational license will be encouraged to take this first step toward education and a career. If a person finds out that their background would likely disqualify them from getting a license, they can choose whether or not to invest the time and money and possible student loan debt in barber education.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this proposed regulation.