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Dear Members of the House Health and Human Services Committee,

I am writing to express my dissent regarding SB 348. I am a Kansas licensed esthetician of 14 years. I do not practice eyebrow threading. It is imperative that our industry remain licensed and protected by the Board of Cosmetology. Removal of Threading from our industry opens the door for other services in the further to be provided by untrained, unlicensed and uninsured people. We have a duty to protect the public from infection and harm. Cosmetology takes skill and education- more than a self test/ booklet can provide.

License, education and formal training are essential in any industry. So often we hear of janitors or Uber drivers who in their home country were heart surgeons or lawyers. The requirements are different in the US -our standard is different, often higher.

Please consider the long term ramifications of passing this bill. If passed, it's only a matter of time that we will have uninsured, unlicensed people performing services on our loved ones, and the damages can be much more detrimental than a few extra missing eyebrows hairs.

Thank you for your time.

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