Good morning,

Thank you for taking time to hear from the cosmetology and esthetics professionals in our state. My name is Michelle Gibson and I am writing to you on behalf of the cosmetology and esthetics students at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kansas. As students we have been learning about the importance of being properly trained in modalities concerning the beauty industry. In our programs we spend no less than 60 hours learning the importance of infection control in order to protect our clients form bacterial, viral and fungal infection. We learn about the proper EPA registered disinfectants and procedures needed to maintain a clean and sanitary work environment. We also spend a significant amount of time learning about the anatomy of the skin, hair growth process and proper method of hair removal.

If the state of Kansas deregulates threading and allows an untrained individual to offer this service Kansans throughout the state will be subject to infection. Infection from improperly disinfected implements and infection from improper hair removal; resulting in broken hair, ingrown hair and severe skin infections. The cosmetology and esthetics profession will suffer because untrained individuals will be allowed to preform threading without education and knowledge of the risks involved. These risks impact both clients and the individual preforming the threading service.

Thank you for your time today, The cosmetology and esthetics students of JCCC, rela Cube 3/4/22