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The House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

Representative Will Carpenter
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Dear Representative Carpenter and Committee,

I am writing to express my support for HB 2044, also known as the Crown Act. I'm Black and I have big hair. I love my hair - I love getting it braided and looking sleek. But sometimes I don't have time to get it braided, or I don't have the money. Did you know that for me to get my braids it takes 6 - 8 hours and costs about \$200? Sometimes I just can't. But then when I wear my hair natural I get treated differently, and that's just wrong. I can hardly believe it's not already illegal to not discriminate against me because of my hair.

Here's the truth - white girls can do just about any crazy thing to their hair and people are fine, but if I wear my hair the way God made it people act like I've done something wrong. Adding this amendment to the discrimination bill may not change the way people act, but it may give me a legal way to start fighting back, and getting people to act right. Please pass HB 2044.

Sincerely,

Danetra Johnson