

Dear Sir or Ma'am,

My name is Joyce Fisher I am a Financial Aid Advisor at Midwest Barber College in Topeka, Ks. I am writing regarding bill #2305. As a school official I see a lot and hear a lot from our students as well as our educators. I am seeking your support on this bill, and I can explain why.

1. Right now, the board require that the students need to pass the written and practical exam with an 80% pass rate. We have so many students failing their exam because they got a 78% or 79%. These are the students who are doing very well in school with their academic, and are almost perfect with their practical or hands on work. These students have near or perfect attendance. Their biggest problem is not that we are not giving them everything they need while in school. Their problem is testing anxiety. They know the material, but can't seem to pass the test because they are thinking about failing before they have taken it. We need your support in getting this bill passed. These students have spent almost \$19,000.00 to go to school and the only thing holding them back is the required 80%. The students need to be working in shops so they can start paying their student loans back.
2. I think that the price's for the exam should be raised as well. Everything is going up, yet the board prices are still the same. You may be wondering why I am concerned about this. We need every member that is on the board because without them we would not be able to have many testing per year.
3. Last, I am asking you to SAY YES, I AM IN to Bill #2305. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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