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Virginia Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists  
Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation  
9960 Maryland Drive, Suite 400  
Richmond, Virginia 23233-1485

Dear Board Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Society of Virginia Skincare Specialists regarding the proposed Esthetics Apprenticeship Program in Virginia. When HB 2510 – the original proposal for Esthetics educational standards and licensing – was crafted and passed, our organization was initially opposed to an apprenticeship program. At that time, we could not endorse a program that lacked a credible history of licensing.

Now, seven years later, a sound enforcement structure and effective state management has provided us with the confidence to now approve the Esthetics Apprenticeship Program in Virginia. This measure, much like HB 2510, will go far to assure safe treatments for consumers in Virginia.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
Society of Virginia Skincare Specialists