On Friday, April 17, 2015 4:33 PM, "barberruss1@yahoo.com" <barberruss1@yahoo.com> wrote:

On behalf of Sondra Mireles, owner/operator of Sandy's Barbershop located in Herminie, Pennsylvania, and myself, Russell G. Namie, owner/operator of Namie's Barbershop located in Youngwood, Pennsylvania I am writing concerning the possible change in barber licensing. Our understanding is that the legislature is considering a change whereby those currently holding a Barber Manager license may be able to transition to a Barber Teacher license. We believe this would be a positive change that would allow those interested parties to promote the profession. This would allow for the establishment of a greater number of barber schools in the state.

Both Ms. Mireles and I have worked with barber apprentices since obtaining our licenses in 1977 and 1968 respectively. It has been a concern for some time that opportunities for younger people to enter the profession have been limited. We are interested in being part of providing students with this education. Approval of House Bill 246 would elevate the barber profession by allowing those interested parties the opportunity to educate the next generation of barbers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sondra L. Mireles
Russell G. Namie