No one has done more to put the issue of occupational licensing firmly on the policy agenda than Morris Kleiner. This careful book brings together his path-breaking scholarship on the issue, effortlessly combining economics, history, law, statistical analysis, and a keen understanding of the politics involved. Kleiner is the world’s leading scholar of occupational licensing, and this book should stand as a reference for decades to come.

— Justin Wolfers, Professor of Economics and Public Policy, University of Michigan

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— Jeffrey Miron, Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, Harvard University

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— Lauren Larson, Director, Colorado Division of Professions and Occupations

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