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To: [SoS Rulemaking](#)
Subject: Written comments - proposed notary rules - 4/17/18 hearing
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Dear Colo. Sec. of State:

I am a Colorado Notary Public and am writing to provide my written comments regarding the proposed changes to the notary rules that will be considered at the 4/17/18 hearing. As an individual who has served as a Notary Public in the State of Colorado since 2001 without any sort of complaint or problem and a longtime Colorado Notary who has diligently followed all Colorado laws and rules related to Notaries, I strongly object to the proposed notary rule requiring existing Colorado Notaries to undergo training and testing each and every time they renew their commission. First, I believe longtime Notaries such as myself can and do easily follow the laws and rules that apply to Notaries and can implement new rules and laws into their Notary procedures without the burdensome and costly bureaucracy of requiring mandatory training and testing each and every time we renew our commissions. In fact, longtime Notaries such as myself have done this many, many times over the years and laws and rules regarding Colorado Notaries have undergone changes. Requiring training and testing every 4 years (the length of a commission) is simply overly burdensome and repetitive bureaucratic red tape. Rather, I would suggest that only Notaries that have complaints filed against them or problems with their Notary work be required to undergo this testing and training when they renew.

As I am sure you are aware, many Colorado Notaries--like myself--are small business owners whose time is tied to their income, which is often modest. Requiring all Colorado Notaries to undergo training and testing every 4 years will impose an unnecessary burden on them and the small businesses they are trying to keep afloat. It will also add another layer of unnecessary and costly bureaucratic red tape to the Colorado government, using the limited tax dollars we have to oversee an unnecessary and burdensome bureaucratic process. While I certainly believe that training and testing is necessary for new Notaries or those Notaries who have received complaints, indiscriminately forcing longtime Notaries who have diligently followed the rules and laws for decades, who are very capable of learning and understanding changes to those rules and laws, and who in the past have diligently reviewed and learned changes to Notary rules and laws is simply unnecessary, unfair, and overly burdensome bureaucratic red tape that will cost both the Colorado government and Notaries who are small business owners precious time, resources and money for no real benefit since steadfastly following all rules and laws and implementing changes properly as the rules and laws have evolved over the past decades.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards,

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