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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my understanding that one of the proposed changes to the rules dealing with notaries is to disallow them to rely upon information provided by an interpreter in notarizing documents. This proposal is baffling and would require that a notary be able to speak the same language as the person whose signature is being notarized. I just have to say, I don't understand where such a proposal would have come from? It certainly did not come from anyone who does legal work with citizens who don't speak English and it creates a potential problem of finding notaries qualified to provide those services. I'm not sure about the motivation behind this proposed rule, but it is absolutely ridiculous and should not be adopted.

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