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Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 12:59 PM

To: SoS Rulemaking
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment re Remote Online Notary (RON) Transactions

Ladies and gentlemen, sincere thanks for your time and efforts hosting the webinar this morning!

Please consider modification of Rule 5, §5.2.1, to be less generalized and to specifically align with the language of SB 20-096:

§5.2.1:

A notary public may perform a remote notarization only for a remotely located individual who is located in the state of Colorado.

vs.

SB 20-096 - Section 4.II.(2)(a),(I - III):

(II) PERFORM CREDENTIAL ANALYSIS.

(2)(a) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2)(b) . . . A NOTARY PUBLIC MAY PERFORM A REMOTE NOTARIZATION . . . FOR A REMOTELY LOCATED INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LOCATED:

- (I) IN THIS STATE;
- (II) OUTSIDE OF THIS STATE BUT WITHIN THE UNITED STATES; OR
- (III) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES IF: (A) . . .; AND (B). . . "

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Respectfully,

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From: Leigh Blackburn

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Subject: Question/Comment re Remote Online Notary (RON) Transactions

Good morning,

Please address a notary's ability to use a recordkeeping app of their choice when doing remote online notarizations, including, for example, Microsoft Teams, Zoom, WebEx, Facetime, etc., AND provided all Secretary of State other requirements are met for AV recording confirmation and records retention, etc., **rather than SOS restricting a notary to use a paid vendor who has applied to SOS for RON transactions**. I work for a government entity which has restricted funding, but may have need for RON transactions especially during COVID remote working conditions. Whether a notary has the ability to do so now as allowed by the SOS, during the COVID emergency implementation, or after the bill has passed, should not restrict a notary to utilize, for example, Microsoft Teams, Zoom, WebEx, Facetime, etc.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Respectfully,

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