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Good afternoon. I don't oppose the idea of requiring notaries to pass an exam to renew their licenses. It makes sense to ensure notaries are aware of the law and any changes.

However, I oppose a mandatory renewal course, particularly if it is the same course brand new aspiring notaries must take. The course should be optional for renewing notaries. Those of us who stay abreast of the law should have no trouble passing the exam. Time is valuable, and with respect, I do not see a lot of value in taking basic educational requirements over and over. That seems like a fee generator and a waste of time to those who don't really need it. Alternatively, there should be a separate renewal course that covers changes in the law, and not the same old basics.

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