To whom it may concern,

As an owner of The UPS Store franchises that provide notary services I want to let you know my thoughts on the current notary program and any proposed changes.

As a notary for the past 12 years, it is beyond time to raise the allowable charge for a notary stamp from the current \$5.00 to at least \$8.75 per stamp.

During that time the State of Colorado has raised the minimum wage from \$7.24/hour in 2010 to \$12.56 in 2022, an increase of nearly 75%. With no increase in the fees we can charge for the service. With the Covid Pandemic the number of notaries we have had to do has increased 2x. I have to have certified staff in order to provide the service, and at \$5.00 per stamp it is not economically viable for me to provide the service any longer.

Please take the cost of providing the service into consideration when you review and update the notary program.

Thank you,

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