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To: <u>SoS Rulemaking</u>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Written Comments - Notary rules - 01/06/2022 hearing

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Madam Secretary and All Concerned in this matter;

Good Afternoon,

My name is Vibiana Bowers. Good Afternoon. Thank you for allowing me to speak or in this case write to you regarding the proposed amendments to the Colorado Notary Rules and Regulations section of the CRS.

I have not practiced my notary authority yet since passing the creditation exam earlier this year, so please accept my input as mere observance to the proposed changes.

In regards to finding a vendor in non-compliance. The statement does not reflect a breach of privacy. It simply states 'posing a danger or threat' . It seems to me that in presenting a vendor with the possible reasons for finding their business in non-compliance the specific information would be a superlative injection to the clause or clauses defining what expectations have not been met or breached etc.

Second matter is the optional actions to respond to Madam Secretary once the incriminating evidence has been presented to the vendor. Here again, it would seem to me extremely important to suspend all vendor activity immediately, regardless but especially if the vendor is found in non-compliance, whether purposely or in error.

Then it would seem proper for the vendor to respond by written notice or to request a hearing. Until the matter is settled, no entity should practice as a notary, continue to receive private and personal information or store that information in any manner have access to it.

Third on this is there seems to be no time limits set for responses. A vendor should not be allowed to take their time to file or respond meanwhile still continue to receive monetization for services if they are in questionable positions of accountability.

In my final thoughts, I'd like to say that I agree with other Notaries in regards to minimum charges allowed and to deregulate the state in some ways giving the Notary their reasonable, intuitive and intelligent power of authority.

One last comment is that Colorado has been my home for over 25 years. In this state the people I've encountered throughout these years who are native to this state are just terrific and I have made life-long friendships and developed many, many relationships business and otherwise that I hold in deep regards. When moving here, I adapted to the life and ways of true Coloradans and made sure my family did as well. I arrived with 4 children and brought 2 more future citizens within 3 years of arriving.

Yet, I have noticed in these last 4 years, the influx of new citizens into Colorado that has been for lack of better words overwhelming. I am not native as I said so my thoughts may be seen as moot. But if I may say, the actions of these newer residents is not to adapt to Colorado, it is more like 'to change 'it to their needs. If Colorado is not suiting their needs then why did they move here, just to change it to what they left behind?

My reasoning for this statement is to put into your minds, rule making is meant to unify and cohere. Not to segregate, exemplify or discriminate from those who have and those who do

not or even those who will and those who will not. It is a very important and duly noted assignment to have this ability and power given to you. Please keep ALL COLORADANS in mind and equally those who do not necessarily have the means to represent themselves.

Thank you Madam Secretary for your time and I wish all a very blessed afternoon.

With kind regards, Vibiana Bowers

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