

December 26, 2023

Dear Colorado Department of State Rulemaking Committee:

My name is Donna Johnson, Taffe Mobile Notary. I am concerned about the newly proposed laws: 2.4.1, 2.4.1(a), 2.4.1(b), and 2.4.2.

Notary fees are not based on the amount of notarizations we do. The fees are based on the going rate of a mobile closer and the essential services they provide. A Loan Signer is person who is versed in the documents that they are presenting to the signer, who makes sure that the documents are completed accurately and completely including notarizations. Our fee does not change.

I agree with the following: 2.4.4 RULE 2.4 SHALL NOT APPLY IN INSTANCES WHERE THE NOTARY IS ENGAGED IN A FLAT-RATE ARRANGEMENT. THESE CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAIN TO SITUATIONS WHEREIN THE NOTARY IS NOT DIRECTLY ENGAGED BY A CONSUMER. IN SUCH CASES, THE NOTARY PROVIDES SERVICES ENCOMPASSING NOTARIAL CERTIFICATES, WHERE THE FEE REMAINS CONSTANT AND IS NOT CONTINGENT UPON THE NUMBER OF NOTARIAL CERTIFICATES BUT RATHER IS INCLUSIVE WITHIN THE PREDETERMINED FEE STRUCTURE.

I appreciate your time and the opportunity to write this letter and I hope that your office understands the amount of undue hardship this would place on the consumer, the loan signer and the client. Thank you so much, Donna Johnson Loan Signing Agent, CO Notary, Owner of Taffe Mobile Notary.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this critical issue for small businesses providing notarial services.

Donna K. Johnson

Taffe Mobile Notary, LLC