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The Honorable Fred Patton, Chair
Kansas House Committee on the Judiciary
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ATN: Kathi Rakestraw

RE: SB106 (Online Notarization). Timothy Reiniger. 3-18-21. Pro

Dear Representative Patton,

I have the honor of serving as American Bar Association-appointed Advisor to the Uniform Law Commission's (ULC) standing committee for the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts (RULONA). In 2018, the ULC formally approved the current version that authorizes online notarization. Based on this experience as ABA Advisor to the ULC effort as well as involvement in authoring the first such law out of Virginia (2011), I strongly support the enactment of SB 106, which includes the key language and policy components of the ULC recommended approach.

SB 106 will strengthen the current Kansas statute in two important respects. **First**, by authorizing online notarization, SB 106 gives Kansas consumers access to the strongest possible protections afforded by leveraging multi-factor online authentication of signers, as recommended by the ULC. **Second**, the legislation incorporates the RULONA policy with respect to the required retention of the audio-video recording of each remote signer/online notarization session. Above all, the result will be a notary office that is well-positioned to best support Kansas' diverse commercial and public sector needs.

Experience in Virginia and the 31 other enacting states has shown that giving both a) notaries the capability of performing notarial acts in the online environment and b) the banking industry the ability to e-record, has been highly valued by the business community, consumers, and government. And, because of the inherent security requirements of online notarizations, to-date there have been no reported instances of notarial fraud or court challenges with respect to documents notarized in this manner.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about this letter of support or desire more information about the experience with online notarization in other states. I very much thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


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