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Senator Longbine and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today concerning Bill 143. My name is Kathy Sachs. I am the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State.

This legislation requires that the Secretary of State develop and administer an online notary public education course. Completion of this course would be mandated prior to an applicant receiving an appointment as a notary public. The bill also mandates education for any notary public who receives a notification from the Secretary of State that such a notary has failed to perform their duties correctly.

We support the concept of this bill; however, we seek two amendments.

First, this bill mandates that education is required after three infractions have been reported to our office. Per K.S.A. 53-118, the Secretary of State "may revoke the appointment of any notary public" for multiple reasons. Since current Kansas law gives the Secretary of State the authority to revoke a notary public for failure to properly perform the duties of a notary public, we believe this authority is sufficient allow us to require education in lieu of revocation of their notary commission. Therefore, no additional mandate is required.

Second, we would ask that the effective date be moved to July 1, 2018 to allow us time to build the online training application.