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SB 328 AN ACT CONCERNING NOTARIES PUBLIC

OPPOSE

Good afternoon Chairman Spallone, Chairman Slossberg and members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, my name is Bill Jenkins and I would like to comment on SB 328, an act concerning Notaries Public. I am a Notary Public and have been since 2004.

The Secretary of the State's office has no authority to include requirements in its notary public manual that are not included in current law as prescribed in Chapter 33 of the General Statutes therefore I see no need for this legislation.

The Model Notary Act of 2010 is a ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY THREE PAGE document which I have reviewed myself. There are a wide range of recommendations in this document which are completely unnecessary like suggesting that Notaries be fingerprinted and bonded. There are many other suggestions that are totally unnecessary for notaries and if implemented, would only make it more expensive and more difficult for Connecticut residents to get documents notarized.

If the Legislature feels that parts of the Model Notary Act of 2010 should be enacted into law then those laws must be passed before the Secretary of the State can include these in their notary public manual.

I would strongly suggest that no changes be made to the parts of Chapter 33 that pertain to Connecticut's 50,000 or so notaries. As the old saying goes "If it ain't broke, then don't fix it."

Thank you,

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