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**From:** Gordon, Patricia [REDACTED]  
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**To:** SoS Rulemaking  
**Subject:** Written comments - proposed notary rules - 9/16/14 hearing

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the proposed notary rules. After reviewing the most recent draft I would like to provide you with the following feedback;

First, the SoS is doing well to review the existing rules and make the necessary updates and corrections.

Although I agree that notaries should know the notarial laws and rules for the state that they are certified in, I *strongly disagree* that the state should create a curriculum charge a fee for it. The SoS already provides an Official Notary Handbook detailing the rules and the Colorado Notaries Public Act. A more efficient approach to ensure that Colorado notaries have read and acknowledge the rules would be for the state to create a test/quiz based on the information contained in the Official Handbook. The test/quiz would be available on the SoS Website where notaries would take the exam, acknowledge their acceptance of the Colorado notarial laws and rules, and submit it online on an annual basis. Recertification every 6 months is burdensome and unnecessary.

Further, the process outlined in my above paragraph would save the taxpayers and all concerned a lot of time and expense that would be involved in the state having to review vendor applications and curricula. The SoS does not need to create more work and be in the business of reviewing curricula based on the one it has already created and provided in the Official Notary Handbook. The only thing needed would be a regular review of the handbook to ensure it is current in its citations and a few hours to create the online test.

3.3.2 A certificate of successful completion of an approved course of 24 instruction shall be valid for a period of EXPIRES **six (6) months** from the date of issuance.

3.2.1 THE **SECRETARY OF STATE MUST APPROVE A VENDOR'S PROPOSED CURRICULUM** BEFORE A VENDOR MAY OFFER A NOTARY TRAINING COURSE. **CURRICULUM must be based upon ON: 12 (A) the THE Colorado Notaries Public Act...**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.  
Sincerely,

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