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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a notary for over 21 years. I give my notary services free of charge for clients at the law offices I work at. I have also notarized for free for friends and family and even for hospital and/or homebound disabled or elderly individuals. I have never charged for the notarization of any documents in the entire span of 21 years. I only obtained notarial duties for that purpose-for the convenience of clients. I further pay for my renewals and my notary equipment.

If all these program changes are implemented, I will not renew. I would presume I could be grandfathered in. However, I don't agree with having to pass an exam and a notary course to renew my commission. That is simply overkill to those of us that have honestly and faithfully carried out our notarial duties for decades already. I only agree with being kept updated as to changes. If being a notary means I need to expend more of my time and my own money to stay one, I prefer not to. I am pretty sure many employers will be furious that they are going to lose the convenience of a notary in the office if these new rules are imposed.

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