

March 31, 2025

The Honorable Brett Guthrie
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2161 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2107 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Guthrie and Pallone:

We, the undersigned organizations, write to express our strong support for H.R.1777, the Securing and Enabling Commerce Using Remote and Electronic (SECURE) Notarization Act. The SECURE Notarization Act passed the House with unanimous consent in the 118th Congress and we look forward to strong, bipartisan support for the bill in the House and Senate again this Congress.

H.R. 1777 provides businesses and consumers with the ability to execute critical documents using two-way audiovisual communication while ensuring a level of safety and security nationwide. Current requirements for a signer to be physically in the presence of a notary are often impractical and sometimes impossible due to health concerns, as we learned during the COVID-19 pandemic, or other barriers including military service or work travel. Forty-four states have already recognized the benefits of Remote Online Notarization (RON) and passed legislation authorizing its use.

Notarizations are used extensively in real estate transactions, as well as in a variety of other important areas including, for example, affidavits, powers of attorney, living trusts, advance health care directives, and automotive transactions. Recent years have demonstrated that technological solutions can enhance accessibility and alleviate burdens for individuals across the United States. Enactment of the SECURE Notarization Act would establish the pathway necessary to more effectively leverage technology to carry out daily activities, including notarizations and other business transactions while maintaining a robust minimum standard of safety and security for consumers and service providers.

We greatly appreciate your leadership, and we look forward to continuing to work with you and Congress to enact this common-sense proposal.

Sincerely,

American Council of Life Insurers
American Financial Services Association
American Land Title Association
America's Credit Unions
California Mortgage Bankers Association
Carvana
Defense Credit Union Council
Fidelity National Financial
Financial Services Institute (FSI)
Finseca
First American Title Insurance Company
Housing Policy Council
Independent Community Bankers of America
Mortgage Bankers Association
National Association for Fixed Annuities
National Association of Home Builders
National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors
National Association of REALTORS®
Old Republic Title
PennyMac Financial Services, Inc.
PennyMac Mortgage Investment Trust
Real Estate Technology & Transformation Center (RETTTC)
Rocket Close, LLC
Rocket Title Insurance Company
Stavvy
The Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers
TIAA
TruStage
Worldwide ERC (WERC)

CC: The Honorable Cliff Bentz, Member of Congress
The Honorable Madeleine Dean, Member of Congress
The Honorable Julie Fedorchak, Member of Congress