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The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Chair  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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**Re: Support of Securing and Enabling Commerce Using Remote and Electronic Notarization Act**

Dear Chair McMorris Rodgers and Ranking Member Pallone:

I am writing on behalf of the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions (NAFCU) to share our support for the Securing and Enabling Commerce Using Remote and Electronic Notarization Act (SECURE Notarization Act), H.R. 1059. NAFCU advocates for all federally-insured not-for-profit credit unions that, in turn, serve more than 135 million consumers with personal and small business financial service products.

The SECURE Notarization Act will modernize long-standing issues with processing legal documents. This includes real estate transactions, as well as a variety of other important areas including affidavits, powers of attorney, living trusts, advance health care directives, and automotive transactions, among others.

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, NAFCU had heard from its members that requirements for a notary to be physically present to certify documents was not keeping pace with innovation in financial services. Physical distancing requirements in response to COVID-19 made the need for Remote Online Notarizations (RON) greater than ever. The SECURE Notarization Act would allow for the use of RON technology nationwide, which would have an immediate benefit, especially for our service members who are often deployed or traveling.

We thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts on the SECURE Notarization Act. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me or Brad Thaler, NAFCU's Vice President of Legislative Affairs, at [bthaler@nafcu.org](mailto:bthaler@nafcu.org).

Sincerely,

Greg Mesack

cc: Members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee