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The Board of Directors of the Property Records Industry Association (PRIA) is honored to lend support to the efforts of the Uniform Law Commission to encourage the adoption of the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts (RULONA) and the Amendment to that act, which allows for the use of Remote Online Notary (RON).

Notary is an ancient practice with continuing relevance in modern commerce. The importance of the notarial act is particularly significant to those of us working in the property records industry. PRIA salutes the Uniform Law Commission's effort to craft a model act that provides notaries the legal framework to modernize their practices in order to meet the evolving needs of businesses and consumers alike.

As was the case during the drafting of the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act (URPERA), PRIA representatives were active observers and contributors throughout the process. It is our observation that the drafting committee considered a broad range of issues and viewpoints during their deliberations. Thoughtful and respectful consideration was given to everyone who participated, resulting in a uniform act that meets the needs of modern notary practice, supports notary regulators and provides guidelines that encourage innovation in the marketplace.

PRIA encourages states to adopt RULONA and the RULONA Amendment in concert with URPERA in order to facilitate the continuing modernization of the public land records systems across the United States. Doing so will provide local government the legal framework necessary to adopt technologies aimed at improving the services provided to the citizens of their communities.

Finally, we wish to acknowledge and thank the co-chairs of the RULONA Drafting Committee, Patricia Brumfield Fry and Raymond P. Pepe, for their exemplary leadership during the study and drafting processes. We also recognize the diligent work of Arthur R. Gaudio, the Committee's Reporter, whose talent for capturing the committee's deliberations in the language of a model act, is simply remarkable.

Best regards,

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