

Month Day, Year

[Title] [Member First Name] [Member Last Name]
[Committee Name]
[Address]
[City, State Zip Code]

Dear [Title] [Member First Name] [Member Last Name],

On behalf of [Insert Organization], I am writing to urge you to support the Remote Online Notarization (RON) model bill developed by the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) and the American Land Title Association (ALTA).

Notarial acts are a necessary component of the residential loan closing process. As the industry continues to serve consumers' needs by using online, mobile and other electronic means, it has become clear that our state notarial laws and regulations are inadequate to support this shift in technology. The limitations with our existing laws may result in increased risk to the industry by hampering our ability to serve customers.

Many states have recognized the need to revise/update their laws to support RON and have begun to implement legislation and rules that govern the online notarial process. As they do, it is imperative that states adopt a consistent approach.

In an effort to create greater legal certainty and consistency, MBA and ALTA collaborated with each other and their member companies to produce a model for state legislation in 2018 to allow for RON in real estate finance transactions. The model bill is based off legislation enacted in the state of Texas, which represents a compromise by pertinent stakeholders affected by the change in law. The model bill builds on what was implemented in Texas and offers certain enhancements to the legislative language that creates greater cohesiveness with the definitions established in the Uniform Law Commission's Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts (RULONA). More than 20 states have adopted legislation that emulates the principles of the MBA-ALTA model, which has effectively built momentum towards a national consensus for RON implementation.

If adopted by our state, the model legislation would greatly help build legal certainty across the country to form a uniform and consistent framework that is based on a common set of core principles. Therefore, we strongly urge you to support the MBA-ALTA Model Bill for Remote Online Notarizations.

Sincerely,

[Full Name]
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