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Regarding House Bill 4128

Honorable Representatives,

The Secretary of State educates, commissions and regulates Oregon Notaries. The primary duties of a Notary are to witness the signing of documents and administer oaths. Notaries have no authority to give immigration advice or practice law. Recent changes in Federal Immigration policy have led to an increase in immigration consultant fraud, or notario fraud, where notarios mislead immigrants to believe they can help them obtain legal immigration status in exchange for thousands of dollars.

House Bill 4128 strengthens penalties for immigration consultant and notario fraud, and provides the government agencies that enforce these laws with more effective tools to protect vulnerable populations and keep bad Notaries out of the system.

The Secretary of State encourages your support for House Bill 4128.

Regards,

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