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Representative Tusler, Chair
Members of the Assembly Committee on Judiciary

Testimony on 2023 Assembly Bill 659 *Relating to: notarial acts performed for remotely located individuals*

Chairman Tusler and Committee Members:

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to testify at today's public hearing on Assembly Bill 659. I appreciate your time and consideration of this legislation.

Assembly Bill 659, as amended, allows remote notarization of a limited financial power of attorney for real estate transactions.

In 2019, Wisconsin Act 125 was created to allow Wisconsin notaries to perform notarial acts for a remotely located individual. However, remote notarization still does not apply to transactions related to powers of Attorney.

This important removal of the prohibition on remote transactions related to limited financial power of attorney for a real estate transactions will make Wisconsin's laws surrounding notaries more consistent and will promote efficiency for Wisconsin residents and the real estate industry.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I ask that you join me in supporting this bill.