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Testimony: SB253 (Proponent)

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Chairman Patton and members of the Committee:

Last year, our team reviewed over 1,000 statutes directly involving the Office of Secretary of State and found many needed updated, clarified or eliminated. SB253 is a small, non-controversial, product of that effort and we offer this testimony in support of the legislation.

SB253 amends existing state statute on the service of process on nonresident drivers and certain business entities. Current law is unclear on the responsibility of the Secretary of State to ensure the defendant receives service of process. SB253 would establish standard procedures, responsibilities and expectations, to allow a plaintiff to serve a defendant through the Secretary of State.

On behalf of the Office of Secretary of State, we appreciate your consideration of SB253 and ask for your support of this legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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