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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Dear Ms Miller:

On behalf of the North Dakota Land Title Association we would like to submit input and comments on AR 41. First, thank you so much for allowing us an opportunity to engage in this process with the ND Supreme Court. We hope to be a resource and partner as you move forward.

The North Dakota Land Title Association is the membership organization of the 80 plus licensed abstracters located across the state. We assists in the safe and efficient transfer of real property in North Dakota as well as the settlement and satisfactions of hundreds of judgements and liens per month. In the current housing market these services are increasingly important for the confidence of title attorneys to issue accurate title opinions for individuals to purchase real estate and lenders to provide loans secured by real property.

A major part of abstracting duties includes finding and identifying liens and judgements against individuals that may impact the transfer of real estate or the priority of a new mortgage. Abstracters search the ND Courts hundreds of times a day to in search of these issues.

We greatly appreciate the conversation that is occurring on AR 41. As an industry we have adopted uniform privacy policies and practices that each member follows to ensure we protect sensitive information. We care deeply about ensuring private information about individuals remains private and that data mining companies are not able to extract this information and use it for their own gain. We also care about being as efficient and accurate as possible through ensuring access to the records for local abstracting purposes is not burdensome, financially or otherwise, on our businesses as well as on court house staff.

For these reasons and others, we would be glad to partner with the ND Courts on a path forward that provides protection for individuals while ensuring accurate, safe and affordable access to this important information for the abstracting and real estate industry.

Sincerely,

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