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LATE TESTIMONY

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

TESTIMONY ON H. B. 1084, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SPECIAL FUND

February 4, 2011

TO THE HONORABLE GILBERT S. C. KEITH-AGARAN, CHAIR
AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of H. B. 1084, Relating to the Establishment of the Lieutenant Governor Special Fund which establishes a special fund in the Lieutenant Governor's office and that revenue from name changes, apostille and certification fees and copy fees be deposited into the fund.

Along with an increase in processing fees for name changes, apostilles and certifications and copy fees, this bill will provide the resources to the Lieutenant Governor's office to invest in software and personnel to streamline the Secretary of State functions and eventually result in reduced General Fund requirements to operate the Lieutenant Governor's office. The Special Fund will also ensure that these functions will be self-sustaining and those benefitting from these services will bear the cost rather than the taxpayers.

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of this bill. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.