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Honorable Chief Justice Barbara Madsen
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Re: Opposition to Amended Rule Changes to CR 28

I am writing to STRONGLY OPPOSE the suggested changes made by WCRA to CR 28 (c), (d) and (e) and CR 80 and 80 (d).

WCRA has not gone to its membership and asked for approval of these proposals. There is only a handful of people within WCRA proposing these changes.

More importantly, WCRA represents only a very small percentage of all the court reporters working in this state.

Additionally, these few people have spent thousands of dollars on lawyers and lobbyists, taking these issues to the legislature, and have been flatly rejected. They've taken them to the Department of Licensing, and the DOL has rejected them.

There is no need for these changes within this state. Individual court reporters all throughout this state are doing a wonderful job, and these changes are drastic. For example, I send my transcripts to whichever firm hires me, and they produce the transcripts. I do not wish to purchase all the equipment and supplies to produce my transcripts, and being required to fix what is not broken.

I have been a court reporter for over 15 years. In my opinion, there is no need for the Supreme Court to monitor the actions of over 500 court reporters in this state, simply on the whim of a handful of people who can demonstrate no need for these changes.

Respectfully,

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