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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the National Court Reporters Association and the 16,000 stenographic court reporters, captioners, and CART providers that we represent, I am writing in support of the proposed changes to the Washington Civil Rules. These changes would ensure the equitable use of court reporting services, as well as prevent unethical practices concerning deposition transcription.

These proposed rule changes will serve to ensure the neutrality and integrity of the court reporter by protecting the profession from even the appearance of impropriety. These changes require courts to have the option to offer court reporting services, and on equal terms to all parties and in a transparent and aboveboard manner, things that NCRA strongly supports.

Court reporters should not be entering into arrangements that could lead any party to a proceeding to believe that court reporters are anything but a neutral guardian of the record. These proposed rule changes will do just that by requiring adherence to standards of ethics and increasing the transparency by which all court reporters are hired in a deposition setting.

NCRA commends the state of Washington for considering these changes, and we fully support the proposed changes to the Civil Rules. If you have any questions, contact me directly at mnelson@ncra.org, or contact States Government Relations Manager Matthew Barusch at mbarusch@ncra.org.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Nelson, CAE
Executive Director and CEO

Tracy, Mary

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I am forwarding this for whatever weight the Court would like to give to it. Best.

Phyllis Craver Lykken, RPR, CLR, CCR No. 2423

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Phyllis,

Attached you will find the letter of support for the proposed rules changes from NCRA. The physical copy should arrive at your office in the next day or so. Again, my apologies for the lateness of their arrival. Please let me know if I can do anything else for you. Thank you.

Matthew R. Barusch

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