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Dear Esteemed Members of the \_\_\_\_\_:

I am writing to you today as President of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA). In February of 2019, the NCRA STRONG Task Force was created and tasked with the research and development of materials to address emerging challenges to our profession from digital, artificial intelligence (AI), automatic speech recognition (ASR), or video-only means of capturing the record in lieu of a skilled and trained stenographer.

As the legacy practitioners in making the record, we have a vital interest in the various methodologies by which legal proceedings can be preserved. To that extent, we established a task force named NCRA STRONG to research, gather data, and analyze results of other emerging methodologies.

Our research has uncovered very disturbing, sometimes shocking, methods that allow for potential and actual instances involving the manipulation of and seamless reworkings of recordings, glaring deficiencies in transcript results, and other issues that could impair the objectivity and reliance upon the records of proceedings.

As a result of these findings, we have drafted the attached resolution regarding these issues. We respectfully request, subject to your review and approval, distribution of this resolution to your membership.

Thank you very much. We are at the ready to respond to any questions or concerns you may have, or to educate you and your professional constituency further on the disturbing elements at play that threaten to breach the hallowed environment of an accurate and impartial record so essential to our system of justice.

Very Respectfully,

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Max Curry, RPR, CRI  
2019-2020 NCRA President

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Christine Phipps, RPR  
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