



Mr. John O'Brien  
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Dear Mr. O'Brien,

National Verbatim Reporters Association (NVRA), an association representing and certifying voice writers for 53 years, joins National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) in support of its letter of October 1 in response to the ABA article mentioned therein. Voice writers also address every word as it is spoken simultaneously with capability to provide realtime displays. We not only join with the comments made by NCRA, but we stand united to protect the sacred task that is provided by court reporters, be it live or remotely, of providing an accurate record for the faithful administration of justice.

AI has not yet reached a point where it has the ability to provide a transcript with the accuracy that would be deemed to be absolutely mandatory to afford litigants with a true and correct transcript upon which their lives will be forever altered. The issue that ABA must maintain in all matters suggesting the possibility of transcripts produced with AI is: That the transcript has been produced by a certified court reporter, attesting to the accuracy of the proceeding that was taken and transcribed. I find it difficult to believe that task is possible when the audio is being manipulated and transcribed by an unproven technology. Court reporters take the accuracy of the record to heart; we believe it is our solemn duty.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanking you for your consideration, I am

Sincerely,

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