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Assembly State and Local Government Committee
Attn: Assemblyman Robert Karabinchak, Chair
Committee Room 15, 4th Floor
State House Annex
Trenton, NJ

Re: NJ A 3837 - Provides televisions in State buildings shall display closed captioning

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Dear Chair Karabinchak,

On behalf of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), I am writing to offer our enthusiastic support for New Jersey Assembly Bill 3837, which exemplifies a commendable commitment to accessibility and inclusion for all New Jerseyans in public spaces.

A 3837 not only promotes equal access but also supports the local jobs of dedicated professional captioners who serve communities across the state. Certified captioners bring unparalleled skill and precision to their work, ensuring that individuals in the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities, as well as others who rely on captioning services to receive information, can fully engage with content displayed on televisions in State buildings. By delivering accurate, real-time captions that capture dialogue, sound effects, and context, these professionals provide a vital service that fosters inclusivity and upholds the dignity of every citizen.

We praise this legislation for its recognition of the importance of accessibility in public accommodation. To further highlight the significance of this measure and the role of certified captioners, I invite you to engage with our Government Relations Department. We are eager to provide additional insights and resources to support your deliberations. Additionally, our New Jersey-based captioner members are available to meet with you, offering firsthand perspectives on how their work enhances accessibility.

Thank you for your dedication to the people of New Jersey. We look forward to collaborating with you to advance this impactful legislation and ensure its benefits reach all corners of the state.

Sincerely,

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