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Nevada State Legislature  
Senate Commerce and Labor  
Attn: Senator Julie Pazina, Chair  
401 S. Carson St.  
Carson City, NV 89701

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Re: NV SB 191 - Revises provisions relating to court reporters and court reporting firms

Dear Chair Pazina:

On behalf of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), I am writing to express our appreciation and support for Nevada Senate Bill 191 (NV SB 191), which revises provisions relating to court reporters and court reporting firms. We commend the Nevada Legislature for its forward-thinking approach in strengthening oversight of our industry, a step that enhances the professionalism and reliability of court reporting services critical to the administration of justice in the state.

NCRA praises the increased oversight proposed in SB 191, particularly the expansion of the Certified Court Reporters' Board's authority to regulate and uphold high standards within the profession. This measure reflects a commitment to ensuring that court reporters and court reporting firms operate with the precision and integrity necessary to support Nevada's judicial system. By refining certification, licensing, and operational provisions, this legislation reinforces the vital role our members play as officers of the court, safeguarding the accuracy of the official record upon which justice depends.

As this bill advances, we respectfully emphasize the importance of including both official and freelance court reporters in the process of revising regulations related to oversight and administration of state Boards. Official court reporters, embedded within the court system, and freelance reporters, serving a wide range of legal proceedings, each bring unique perspectives and expertise.

Furthermore, we advocate for hearing from court reporting firms — large and small alike — operating throughout Nevada before implementing any significant changes. These firms, whether serving urban centers or rural regions, are integral to the state's economy and the delivery of justice. Engaging with them ensures that local jobs are prioritized and that any revisions account for the practical realities of their operations. This inclusive approach will help preserve the vitality of the court reporting profession in Nevada, supporting the communities where our members live and work while avoiding unintended consequences that could disrupt access to these essential services.

I invite you to engage with our Government Relations Department to explore the broader implications of this legislation and the contributions of court reporters and firms across the state. Additionally, our Nevada-based members, including both official and freelance reporters as well as representatives from court reporting firms, are available to meet with you to provide further context and insights.

Sincerely,

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