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The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), a 126 year old organization with members across the world, is alarmed by the pause and potential cancellation of the Captioning and Court Reporting (CCR) program at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT). As Canada's only NCRA-approved program of its kind, it trains court reporters and captioners who are essential to the legal system and accessibility services nationwide.

The CCR program produces professionals who deliver verbatim transcripts for courts, depositions, and tribunals, and provide real-time captioning and CART services for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. With the class of 2025 potentially being the last, Canada faces a critical shortage of these professionals, threatening access to justice and communication for countless Canadians.

We recognize NAIT's financial and enrollment challenges but urge you to reverse this decision. The loss of this program would harm the legal system, accessibility services, and NAIT's reputation. The NCRA is ready to work with NAIT and the Alberta Shorthand Reporters Association to explore solutions, such as curriculum updates or hybrid delivery, to sustain the program.

Please act to preserve this vital program. If NCRA can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our Government Relations Department via email at NCRAGR@NCRA.org.

Sincerely,

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