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To Whom it May Concern,

The National Court Reporters Association issues its strong support behind Kansas House Bill 2484 relating to mandatory certification for freelance court reporters. Certification of court reporters is critical to ensure that high standards are maintained for those responsible for the role of taking the verbatim record. This legislation reestablishes a level of competency and a code of professional ethics for freelance court reporters ensuring that judges, attorneys, and the public know that they are receiving a high-quality work product from every Kansas court reporter. In the most sensitive and critical court proceedings, the highest criterion must be abided by to ensure equal access to justice by all parties.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 703-584-9059, or at afinkel@ncra.org.

Sincerely,

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