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In Re: NCRA Change in Position Regarding Contracting

Dear President Willette:

It is with great disappointment and concern that the South Dakota Court Reporters Association submits this letter with reference to your change in position regarding contracting. NCRA's proposed neutral position is not acceptable given the negative impact of contracting on our profession.

Your stance does not uphold the principle of impartiality that is so vital to trust of our profession. It is very difficult to understand why an organization that holds itself out as "**the only national network dedicated to advancing the interests of stenographic court reporters**" can take a position that violates four of its own code of ethics as outlined below.

1. Be fair and impartial toward each participant in all aspects of reported proceedings, and always offer to provide comparable services to all parties in a proceeding.
2. Be alert to situations that are conflicts of interest or that may give the appearance of a conflict of interest. If a conflict or a potential conflict arises, the Member shall disclose that conflict or potential conflict.
3. Guard against not only the fact but the appearance of impropriety.
7. Determine fees independently, except when established by statute or court order, entering into no unlawful agreements with others with respect to fees to any user.

We sincerely request that you rescind your neutral stance. We trust, upon further consideration, NCRA will continue to be an organization that seeks to promote the integrity of the reporting profession, an organization we can all be proud of.

Cordially Yours,

South Dakota Court Reporters Association

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