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Rhode Island State House
Attn: House Judiciary Committee
82 Smith St.
Providence, RI 02903

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RE: 2025 -- H6159/SB354

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

On behalf of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), I write to urge your support for the passage of H6159 and SB354, which proposes an increase in per-page transcription fees for court reporters in Rhode Island court proceedings.

This modest adjustment is a reasonable step to ensure that court reporters, who serve as vital officers of the court, are fairly compensated for their critical role in the administration and restoration of justice. The proposed fee adjustment will support the continued delivery of accurate and timely documentation, which is essential to upholding the integrity of our judicial system.

Moreover, this adjustment will positively impact local economies throughout Rhode Island, where court reporters live and work. By providing fair compensation, H6159 and SB354 will help sustain the profession and ensure that skilled professionals remain available to serve our courts and communities.

NCRA sincerely thanks you for your consideration of this important legislation. We stand ready to assist you further. Our Government Relations Department is available at NCRAGR@ncra.org to provide additional information or to connect you with local court reporters who can offer firsthand insight into the daily impact of this legislation.

Sincerely,

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