Date

Honorable Gavin Newsom

Governor, State of California

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Governor Newsom,

I am CART/Captioner. I am proud to be a part of the court reporting profession.

The transcript compensation structure for court reporters is unique in California. As a result, court reporters who work in court are not paid for any overtime transcript work done in the evenings or weekends. Instead, they receive a statutorily set transcript fee pursuant to GC69950. This fee amount has not been changed since 1990.

Stenographic certified shorthand is a specialized skill. Independent freelance reporters and officials working in our California court system are bound by statutory fees set nearly 30 years ago. Court reporters fund their own technology and equipment. The current transcript fee rate is not commensurate with the cost of living increases over the last nearly 30 years.

 It is time to update this fee. Please support me and the thousands of my fellow certified shorthand reporters in the state close this pay equity gap. Support and fund AB 1385 authored by Assemblyman Santiago for the transcript rate increase!

Sincerely,

[INSERT YOUR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE AND/OR NAME]