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As a seasoned Certified Shorthand Reporter (CSR) for 32 years, I find that this attempt to give away our work product is a slap in the face of our profession. Our job is not only to record the proceedings verbatim but to produce the transcript. We're paid for our attendance while at the proceedings, but the transcripts are done on our own time, i.e., 4:00 a.m., nights, weekends. We have a two-week turnaround, sometimes less, to send out the transcript.

Let's talk about what it takes to produce a transcript. I write the job for however long it goes. Yes, it's a great profession but don't make any plans. After sitting in one position for hours, I take my SD card out of my writer and put it into my computer. My steno notes are translated against my dictionary that has taken years to build. Then I scope, i.e., add whatever words that didn't translate to my dictionary, add/delete punctuation, global names and speakers, look up spellings. I sit at the computer for hours and hours until it's done. Then I print it and go sit in a chair that isn't killing my back and proofread it. Then I go back to the computer and put in the corrections. I would love to tell you how long that takes, but I can't. I never get an uninterrupted day to do it all at once so I can time it.

I maintain four computers, two Luminex writers, two printers, two scanners, software support, writer support, E-Transcript, Adobe, Zoom, Outlook, a special e-mail virus protection plan, the fastest internet connection, insurance, CSR licensure, continuing education, NCRA membership and the list goes on. Selling transcripts is where we make the money to maintain all that we need to produce the transcripts that you want to give away.

All witnesses who reserve signature are afforded an opportunity to read and sign their transcript. We e-mail the signature page and errata sheet with a letter asking them to contact our office. We provide a Zoom link, put the transcript up on the screen, give them control of the mouse, turn

off our camera, mute ourselves and leave the room. They can have as much time as they need. If you start giving away our transcripts to those who reserve signature, then all the attorneys will be reserving signature so they can get their free souvenir.

We have a very specific skill that takes years and a lot of hard work to master. Shouldn't we be compensated for that? Are attorneys who spend hours and hours writing a motion for summary judgment expected to give that away? Please don't diminish our worth. We are the keeper of the record.

For these reasons I am opposing Proposal 21-06 (P.R. 0299)

Respectfully submitted,
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