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Re: Proposed Amendments to Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure
Rule 30(C)

Dear Ms. Mosser,

On behalf of the Ohio Court Reporters Association and the 600+ stenographic court reporters and captioners in the state of Ohio, please accept this public comment in opposition to the proposed amendments to the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 30(C).

As the officers before whom the deposition is taken, and those directly connected to Rule 30 in the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, it is imperative that court reporters and court reporting firms be included in the discussions related to any proposed amendments regarding the rules by which their everyday livelihoods and business practices are focused.

The Ohio Court Reporters Association has not been contacted to date regarding the proposed amendments to Rule 30(C). To ensure the interests of litigants, the judicial system, and the public are being considered and protected, I urge non-approval of this proposed amendment.

Non-approval at this time would allow for investigation and a thorough process to address potential ramifications to the court reporting industry and court reporting firms, and to address lingering questions as to where the burden lies insofar as enforcement of the proposed language. There are too many unanswered questions to allow this amendment to proceed forward.

Thank you for your consideration. The Ohio Court Reporters Association looks forward to working with the Supreme Court of Ohio on future proposed amendments.

Sincerely,

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