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Ms. Carol L. Naughton, RPR

Dear Carol,

I was thrilled to hear that Governor Northam signed SB 545 into law last Friday. This is truly an achievement for Virginia court reporters, and on behalf of NCRA, I would like to congratulate you on the passage of this bill.

I want to personally applaud VCRA and your association's ability to organize a grassroots campaign to accomplish this legislative victory. The greatest resource that the court reporting profession has is the passion and dedication of its members. Through this initiative, VCRA has shown the nation the true power and influence that court reporters have, and that with a little organizing and hard work, anything is possible. I would also like to specifically congratulate Karen Hart, who worked with our State Government Relations Manager Matt Barusch at the beginning of this process. I understand Karen was an essential part of this process, and that without her, this would not have been possible. The court reporting profession needs more leaders like the two of you.

We at NCRA are committed to supporting our state associations in working towards our shared goal of protecting the profession. Matt and I look forward to working toward that goal closely with you in the future. My door is always open, so please do not hesitate to reach out to Matt or me with anything you might need. Congratulations on your victory!

Sincerely,

Marcia Ferranto  
Executive Director and CEO