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Mr. Steven C. Hollon  
Conference of State Court Administrators  
Supreme Court of Ohio  
65 South Front Street  
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Re: **Digital Recording: Changing Times for  
Making the Record**

Dear Mr. Hollon:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Electronic Reporters and Transcribers, Inc. (AAERT), this letter is in response to the various "press release" postings made by the National Court Reporters Association.

The AAERT applauds the release of the Conference of State Court Administrators' white paper entitled: "Digital Recording: Changing Times for Making the Record."

As a professional association of certified and trained digital court reporters and transcribers, AAERT agrees with the findings of the COSCA report. We are the daily users of advanced digital recording technology. AAERT has advocated strict standards of best practices for digital recording in courtrooms and deposition settings since 1994.

AAERT, as the author of digital reporting standards and practices, has always sought to have a place at the table when court reporting methods are evaluated. False and misleading information about unfamiliar technology has all too frequently been published. The COSCA white paper was fair in evaluating digital audio recording as a reliable and efficient method for courtroom use.

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We invite COSCA or any users of the report to contact us for further information on implementing best practices for successful use of this reliable state-of-the-art technology. As a leader in the use of digital reporting technology, AAERT has certified professionals capable of filling court reporting and transcribing positions currently available.

Indeed, we do live in changing economic times where cost-saving methods must be put into place without sacrificing quality - especially when the technology advocated is tried, tested, and used the world over. Digital recording of court proceedings is accurate, verbatim, verifiable, unfiltered, accessible to all and is being used successfully in courtrooms worldwide. Digital audio recording is not merely the wave of the future, it has been and is a reality now in courtrooms around the globe.

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Respectfully submitted,

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