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I am writing as a Certified Electronic Reporter/Recorder (CER), small business owner and co-founder of the Michigan Association of Freelance Court Reporters.

I have been certified since 2001. I have owned my own business since 2004.

If this new proposed court rule change takes effect, the Supreme Court will be taking away the very little profit my company makes, and giving it to the courts, many of whom charge outrageous copy rates, much higher than we are allowed to charge for our own work product. The court rules clearly indicate courts are only allowed to charge the \$0.30/page for copies of transcripts; however, many of them, including one I can personally attest to, charges \$3.00 a page.

I realize I am not sharing new information when I mention that court reporters in the State of Michigan have one of the lowest page rates in the nation. We are now in year 34 of no page rate increase. We're being paid 1986 wages in 2020, and the Court is now proposing to take away more.

This change may seem small and insignificant, but I can assure you, the financial impact it will have on the small businesses that provide transcription services to the courts in Michigan is very significant.

Thank you for your time.

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