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**RE: State Board of Education Amendments to 22 Pa. Code Chapter 14  
Qualifications for CART providers**

Dear Mr. Buckheit:

I am writing to support the request sent to you by Lisa V. Feissner, RDR, CRR, CRI, Chair of the Government Relations Committee of the Pennsylvania Court Reporters Association, asking that the State Board of Education adopt language requiring Communication Access Real-Time Translation (CART) providers who deliver services to students under an IEP be certified as either a Certified CART Provider (CCP), Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR) or Certified Broadcast Captioner (CBC) as those certifications are awarded through the National Court Reporters Association.

Providing real-time translation requires a much higher skill level than the average reporter. Using a real-time certified reporter can eliminate the potential of a lower quality real-time translation. The National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) has certifications which set the standard for CART providers. These standards can ensure that students will get the highest quality interpretation; hence, a better education.

Please make the recommended certification language for CART providers a requirement under 22 Pa. Code Chapter 14.

I thank you in advance for your courteous attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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