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To whom it may concern,

Oklahoma Association of the Deaf understand that ICRC is committed to providing high quality, professional ASL/English interpreting services to our Deaf and Hard of Hearing community in Oklahoma.

The field of interpreting is growing and constantly evolving as new research emerges as well as new technology, laws and regulations that might apply to this profession. It is critical that interpreters maintain professional knowledge and skills within the field of interpreting, including ethical decision making, through continuing education.

Oklahoma Association of the Deaf supports ICRC's request to increase the annual CEU requirement from ten hours to 20 hours. The increase demonstrates a commitment to the profession and helps interpreters maintain their certification. Interpreters may work in many different technical areas (i.e., medical, mental health, legal, etc.) so the increased continuing education will allow interpreters to further enhance their skills on a regular basis.

The increase will also ensure that ICRC and interpreters can continue to provide high quality services, which is of the utmost importance for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community who rely on interpreting services for communication access.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Oklahoma Association of the Deaf