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Dear Members, Associate Members, and Fellow Court Reporters:

It is surreal to me as I compose this E-mail as the current president of the Rhode Island Shorthand Reporters Association, wherein Cathi Burnham was a board member for the past 40 years, to sadly inform you of her passing on Sunday, December 24, 2017.

In addition to being on the board, as many of you are well aware, Cathi was the owner and operator of Allied School of Court Reporting, and was truly such an integral part of the court reporting profession and loved by so many, especially the many students that she spent hours dictating to, making sure they not only practiced their class dictation tapes, but also “read” and “corrected” each lesson for 98% accuracy. Assuredly, I can proclaim that Cathi is the reason why I, like so many others, can say they are a court reporter today; the respect, gratitude, and admiration for Cathi Burnham will live on for years to come, and she will remain forever in the hearts of so many, and will be extremely missed.

Further, I especially want to take this opportunity to send my sincere, heartfelt condolences to Cathi’s family, her children, Teri-Lee, Tammi, and Michael, and her beautiful grandchildren, whom she proudly held so dear to her heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time, and I can’t express how sorry I am to the entire Burnham family.

Respectfully, I have copied and pasted the obituary, and am terribly disheartened and overcome with grief.

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