

## Statement on the walkout by Nebraska Court Interpreters

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The Texas Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators (TAJIT) adds its collective voice in support of our fellow court interpreters in Nebraska as they take steps towards improving their terms of compensation, in keeping with the specific knowledge, skills, and abilities required to adequately perform as court interpreters. Court interpreters play an integral role in ensuring effective participation and communication across languages by litigants and other parties in our legal system, and bring to this task a level of specialized linguistic training and subject-matter expertise and preparation that merits a payment commensurate with this level of experience and education.

As other court interpreter associations have already done, we support the efforts of our Nebraskan colleagues to secure adequate pay and recognition, and a regular and timely review of the terms and remuneration under which they are contracted.

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The Texas Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators (www.tajit.org) is a professional association serving judiciary interpreters and translators across Texas. For further information, contact TAJIT president, Steven Mines, at info@tajit.org.