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Dear Ministers,

The North American Regional Center of the International Federation of Translators (FIT-NA) wishes to add its voice to those who have already expressed support for the three Danish associations of professional translators (Translatørforeningen, Kommunikation og Sprog, Danske Translatører) in opposing legislative changes that would result in the repeal of Translatørloven 1988.

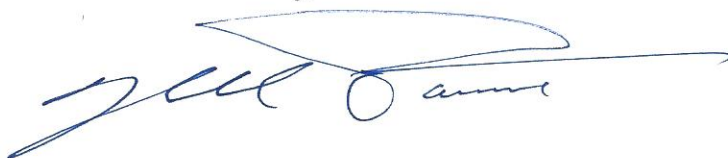
In this age where world-wide communications are expanding at an increasingly rapid pace, the role of qualified translators and interpreters is ever more crucial in bridging the gaps between languages and cultures. The availability of competent language transfer professionals is thus an essential component of such exchanges, and a guarantee of protection for the public, especially in settings which involve legal or court proceedings.

This is one of the many important benefits of a sound authorization or certification system that provides rigorous quality assurance procedures and thereby ensures the public is being served by language professionals whose credentials are reliable and proven.

Denmark has long enjoyed a rightful reputation for being a progressive, fair and open society with pioneering social structures. One such structure is Translatørloven 1988. In our view, the abolition of the authorization process would be a backward step which could have adverse consequences for the Danish public. Having translations done or certified by unaccredited providers or, indeed, by persons located outside the country, could jeopardize the quality of communications or even the protection of the Danish language itself.

We urge you and all other decision-makers in Denmark to work with your country's professional associations and with FIT to ensure your country's continued access to high-quality translation and interpretation services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michel Parent', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michel Parent, C.Tr.
Chair, FIT-NA