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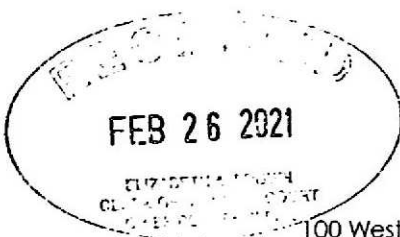
Re: **In the Matter of the Creation of a Commission to Study the  
Adjudication of Water Law Cases, In the Supreme Court of the State  
of Nevada, ADKT 0576**

Dear Ms. Brown:

These comments on the Petition filed by Chief Justice Hardesty in the referenced matter are submitted pursuant to the Order entered in that matter on February 8, 2021.

I am a partner at McDonald Carano LLP, and have been a practicing water law attorney in Nevada for over twenty years. My current clients related to water matters include the Truckee Meadows Water Authority, the Western Regional Water Commission, Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission, Washoe County Water Conservation District, Steamboat Canal and Irrigation Company, Last Change Irrigation Company and Orr Ditch and Extensions Company. My practice has involved matters before the Nevada State Engineer, California State Water Resources Control Board, committees of the Nevada Legislature, and state and federal trial and appellate courts.

We support a study to improve the education, training, specialization, timeliness, and efficiency of Nevada's district courts in judicial review of water cases and the creation of a Commission as described in the Order. We agree with other comments that the Commission should be given more time to complete the study and submit a report to the Court. Given the broad scope described in the Petition, the fact the Nevada Legislature is currently in session, and inefficiencies created by the pandemic, the September 30, 2021 deadline may not provide sufficient time to fully evaluate the issues presented and submit a report to the Court. We would respectfully request the Court consider extending deadline for the Commission to submit a report to the fall of 2022.



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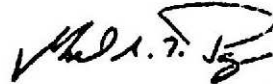
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We intend to participate in the hearing on March 3, 2021 and looks forward to working with all stakeholders involved in the proposed Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. T. Pagni", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael A. T. Pagni