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Dear Chief Justice Maupin, *Bill*

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BY *Janette M. Bloom*
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I am writing on behalf of all of the judges in the Reno Justice Court, Incline Justice Court, and Wadsworth Justice Court to express our support for maintaining the Nevada Judicial Council as it is presently constituted. I serve as a representative on the Council and find that, from an administration standpoint, the Judicial Council plays an important role in the management of the judiciary. It is the forum for the different jurisdictional courts to communicate, decide and provide input on judicial matters. With greater emphasis on centralization and standards in the state judicial system, I see the Judicial Council becoming a more important and more valuable forum to share power among independently elected judges in deciding statewide judicial issues.

A strong judicial branch of government requires enhancing the coordination and cohesiveness among all courts. Without the Judicial Council, it is my opinion that the Supreme Court will not have as effective a means to represent the interests and position of independently elected judges. The judicial branch continues to face encroachments on its independence from the other branches and continued public misrepresentation and public misunderstanding of its constitutional role in a democracy. Cohesiveness and coordination that brings the authority of the independently elected judges together to represent the judicial branch is integral to meet the challenges we face. We must first coordinate and bring/keep the judiciary together as a branch of government before we can be organized in pursuing our needs and protecting our interests from the challenges. Quoting Benjamin Franklin at the signing of the Declaration of Independence struck me as fitting, "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately." I see the Council as the key part of hanging together. While the Council may not have lived up to its full potential value in the past, it does not mean it is not valuable and should be disbanded.


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Thank you for requesting our opinion on this important matter. Please let me know if we can provide any further information.

Yours truly,



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Chief Judge

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The Honorable Harold G. Albright
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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Here is the letter Judge Dannan would like to submit in regard to the Judicial Council.

Thanks!
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