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201 South Carson Street
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RE: ADKT No.411

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CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
BY *[Signature]*
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

Honorable Supreme Court Justices:

As requested by the Court at its April 7, 2009, hearing on this matter, the Court asked that additional information be obtained from George Mason University/The Spangenberg Project (GMU) concerning the completion of the Weighted Caseload Study for Washoe and Clark Counties as ordered in this docket. The completion of the study is pending a decision as to whether or not to include the completion of a second survey to adjust the original time study to reflect the potential effects of the Performance Standards.

Specifically, the Court sought to know when a report could be issued based on the data from the original time study conducted in the fall of 2008, assuming a second survey is either not done, or is delayed for one to two years. In its response dated April 14, 2009, GMU stated that the data from the original time study could be analyzed and the results compared to standards in analogous jurisdictions with a final report completed by July 15, 2009.

The Court also sought to know, should a second survey not be done or if it is delayed, what effect, if any, this change may theoretically have on the results of the Study. To this query, GMU responded that the completion of a second survey is necessary in order to determine the impacts, if any, of the Performance Standards

Finally, the Counties raised the question concerning the potential increase in the cost of completing the study should there be a follow-up report done in the future. GMU responded that it would incur additional expense under this scenario and estimated additional costs of about 15-20 percent of the cost of the current study.

I trust this response provides the additional information requested by the Court. Please advise of any other concerns or questions the Court may have.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
John Berkich
Assistant County Manager

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