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Tracie K. Lindeman Clerk of the Supreme Court 201 South Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701

Re: ADKT No. 424

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Dear Ms. Lindeman:

I am writing in support of the Petition to adopt a uniform rule to govern telephonic and audio participation in Nevada Courts. I have been representing Nevadans with low incomes as an attorney with Nevada Legal Services for almost twenty years. Over that time I have had mixed success with requesting that we be allowed to appear telephonically in courts that are many miles from our offices in Carson City. Attorneys from this office have traveled many miles to make court appearances in Lovelock, Carlin, Battle Mountain, Elko and Ely. Sometimes our appearances are for nothing more than status conferences. At times, we only provide counsel and advice to persons because we, for whatever reason, cannot travel long distances for court hearings. This is especially true when clients do not contact us until the last minute. NLS staff may not be able to rearrange their schedules to accommodate a day of travel to appear at a hearing.

The services of Nevada Legal Services to Nevadans with low incomes would be greatly enhanced by the ability to appear in court via electronic means. We would be able to provide direct representation to many more Nevadans in the rural courts. We wholeheartedly support this Petition.

Yours th

Raymond Rodrigue

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