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N.R.A.P Rule 26.1 Disclosure

Pursuant to NRAP 26.1 the undersigned counsel of record certifies that Petitioner Boulder Cab Inc., has no parent corporation and no publicly held company owned 10 percent or more of its stock.

The undersigned counsel of record further certifies that he is the only attorney that has appeared for Petitioner Boulder Cab, Inc. in the proceedings in District Court and in this court and that he has appeared since January 8, 2014 through the law firm of Winner and Carson.

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I.

STATEMENT OF REASONING

Pursuant to NRAP 27, Boulder Cab, Inc. (Boulder) moves this Court to supplement Boulder's briefing and arguments before the Court. Boulder had hoped to address this point at oral argument, which Boulder briefly made in its points and authorities. However, at oral argument, counsel for Boulder spent most, if not all, of the time responding to Justices' questions. Boulder feels compelled to underscore this point for this Court's consideration in this case, and other pending writs before the Court.

A. The Minimum Wage Amendment was Never Originally Intended to be Part of the Constitution.

The language in the Minimum Wage Amendment (MWA) makes it clear that the amendment was likely originally drafted as a Bill for the Legislature's consideration.

The last paragraph of the MWA contains the following language:

"If any provision of this section is declared illegal, invalid or inoperative, in whole or in part, by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions and all portions not declared illegal, invalid or inoperative shall remain in full force or effect, and no such determination shall invalidate the remaining sections or portions of the sections of this section." Nevada Constitution, Article 15, Section 16.

The language above-cited, and appearing in the last paragraph of the amendment, is common in the legal community. Most attorneys call this a severability clause. Language very similar to this is often found in contracts, and occasionally in statutes. A severability clause appearing in Nevada's Constitution is puzzling.

Rhetorically, one asks:

How can a court declare part of the Constitution, unconstitutional (invalid)? The presence of such a puzzling clause in our Constitution suggests it was likely originally presented to the Legislature as a Bill. It is further likely the Legislature failed to act on the bill and failed to put it to vote. Procedurally, the exact language of the bill could be put to the voters as a Constitutional Amendment, if enough signatures were garnered. It was legislative inertia that spawned the MWA. Boulder suggests that is probably what happened.

B. The MWA Empowers this Court.

The language of the MWA, our Constitution, empowers this court to act.

The language in the amendment states that a court of competent jurisdiction can declare a portion of the amendment invalid or inoperable. Inoperable clearly means that it doesn't work in the real world.

In considering Boulder's writ for prospective application, this court could decide retroactive is inoperable, under the circumstances. The consequences of a

repeal of the statutory exceptions had substantial inequities and we showed clear reliance on the past precedent. The MWA did not clearly and obviously repeal the statute.

More importantly, there are other writs currently pending before the Court.

There will likely be more. Boulder suggests the inequities that flowed from the

<u>Thomas</u> decision were in part because this Court did not have any evidence or
record before it as to the inequitable consequences of declaring an implied repeal,
retroactive.

Boulder's counsel has read the <u>Hancock</u> decision, which Boulder understands is currently before the Court to determine, in part, what constitutes a qualified plan under the Amendment.

Boulder suggests the same problem exists for this Court in <u>Hancock</u> as existed in <u>Thomas</u>, examining only the language of the MWA and the language of regulations drafted by the Labor Commissioner. The notion of qualified plan under the MWA must be interpreted with an eye on its operability/inoperability.

In the real world, this court should know how long it takes for an employer to obtain health insurance on an employee, even if the employee wanted insurance on his date of hire. By the very language of the Amendment, empowering this Court to determine if a strict construction of the language is inoperable or unworkable, permits this Court to consider real world factors when considering the

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language of the Constitutional Amendment.

The MWA also exempts from minimum wage, "A trainee for a period not longer than 90 days."

Boulder, like many employers, has probationary periods for new employees. It would be helpful for this Court to allow a probationary period up to 90 days to be exempt from the amendment language in order for the parties to realistically get health insurance in place. This is especially so in an industry with such high turnover.

Declaring an employee is entitled to a higher minimum wage for the first 90 days is not practical. After insurance is placed, the employee starts paying his premium and starts making less per hour? Consider work place moral under this scenario, and ask: Is this application of the MWA inoperable? Boulder suggests it is inoperable, and that this Court has been empowered by the Constitution to review real world factors in trying to apply the language of the Amendment which raised the minimum wage.

II.

CONCLUSION

Candidly, Boulder suggests the puzzling language within our Constitution is actually a way for this Court to apply the MWA to the real world, and empowers this Court to consider evidence beyond only the dry language in the MWA.

DATED this ____ day of July, 2016.

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I, ROBERT A. WINNER, being first duly sworn under penalty of perjury			
deposes and says:			
1. Affiant is the Attorney for BOULDER CAB, INC., Petitioners, and			
testifies as follows:			
2. Affiant verifies that the facts and statements within the Reply are true			
and correct.			
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