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Honorable James W. Hardesty  
Chief Justice to the Nevada Supreme Court  
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201 South Carson Street  
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ELIZABETH A. BROWN  
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Re: Administrative Docket No. 0576

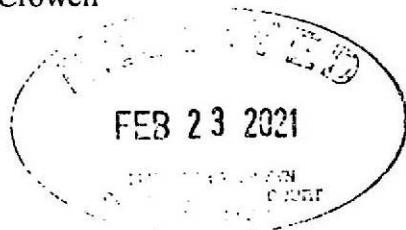
Dear Honorable Hardesty,

On behalf of the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (NDCNR), I wish to express support for the Nevada Supreme Court's Petition for the creation of a Commission to Study the Adjudication of Water Law Cases in Nevada. As you and your fellow justices are well aware, NDCNR includes the Division of Water Resources, of which the Nevada State Engineer serves as the Division Administrator. Both the Department and Division are acutely aware of the importance of judicial review in matters relating to the administration of water law and rights in Nevada, and the far reaching impacts a single judicial decision may have on water users and water resource management statewide. As the driest state in the nation, water resource related matters have become more challenging throughout Nevada as the demand for water continues to increase due to population growth, impacts from climate change, and efforts to rebuild and diversify our economy, among other factors. Therefore, the Department fully supports the current undertaking by the Nevada Supreme Court to help evaluate the most appropriate way to adjudicate water law cases in Nevada for the benefit of all Nevadans, to whom the water resource in our state belong.

Accordingly, the Department strongly supports the creation of the proposed Commission.

Sincerely,

Bradley Crowell  
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