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#### **EDUCATION FREEDOM PAC**

Appellant,

VS.

RORY REID, an individual; BEVERLY ROGERS, an individual; and BARBARA CEGAVSKE, in her official capacity as NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE,

Respondents.

On Appeal from the First Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada Case No. 22 OC 00028 1B

### RESPONDENT BARBARA CEGAVSKE'S LIMITED ANSWERING BRIEF

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#### **ROUTING STATEMENT**

This matter is presumptively retained by the Supreme Court pursuant to NRAP 17(a)(2).

#### SUMMARY OF THE LIMITED ARGUMENT

Respondent Barbara Cegavske, in her official capacity as Nevada Secretary of State, takes no position on the legality of the proposed initiative and will comply with any final judgment in this case.

#### LIMITED ARGUMENT

The Secretary of State submits the following limited answer to Appellant Education Freedom PAC's Opening Brief.

On March 24, 2022, the Secretary of State filed a limited response to Appellant's "Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief Challenging Initiative Petition C-04-2022 Pursuant to NRS 295.061(1)." (JAPP0114–JAPP0116).

Consistent with her stated position before the district court, the Secretary of State does not take a position on the legality of the proposed initiative. This case was brought prior to the Secretary of State having the opportunity to consider certifying the proposed initiative as sufficient pursuant to NRS 295.061(2). Appellant and the other Respondents will make those arguments, and the Secretary of State will comply with any final judgment in this case. The Secretary of State does not take a

position on the policy merits of the proposed initiative. If deemed legal and qualified for the 2022 general election ballot, Nevadan voters will have that debate and make that policy decision.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Because the Secretary of State does not take a position on the legality of the proposed initiative, the Secretary of State does not seek any specific relief, except that under the circumstances here, no award of attorneys' fees or costs is appropriate against the Secretary of State.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2022.

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