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Elizabeth A. Brown Clerk of the Nevada Supreme Court 201 South Carson Street Carson City, Nevada 89701

Re: ADTK No. 0602

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Proposed LVJCLRP 6.8 is vague and ambiguous in that it fails to provide a clear end date. Assembly Bill 486 ("AB486") was amended and adopted into law on May 20, 2021. AB486 provided that "[a]ny designated eviction proceeding must be stayed for not more than 30 days to facilitate a program of alternative dispute resolution established by rule by the Supreme Court or a district court or justice court." See AB486 §4. Prior to AB486 there was no mandatory mediation program for summary evictions in Nevada. Pursuant to AB486 the Nevada Supreme Court established a mandatory mediation program for summary eviction cases and established mediation rules under the LVJCLRP. AB486 §9 provided that the mandatory alternative dispute program would expire when there were insufficient funds to administer the program but no later than June 5, 2023. See AB486 §9.

The concern Budget Suites of America has regarding the proposed LVJCLRP 6.8 is that the Eviction Diversion Program is not directly limited by the Legislative authority in AB486. In other words, the Eviction Diversion Program has no ending date as required by AB486. There is no Legislative authority to create an Eviction Diversion Program in perpetuity. While LVJCLRP 6.8 mentions AB486 in the body of the Rule, it does not directly state that the Eviction Diversion Program expires when AB486 expires. The Eviction Diversion Program should have a June 5, 2023 end date in the text of the Rule.

Sincerely,

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