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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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Appellant,

vs.

DONNA WASHINGTON, an individual; COALITION FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN, a political action committee; and FRANCISCO V. AGUILAR, in his official capacity as NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE,

Respondents.

On Appeal from the First Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada  
Case No. 23 OC 00115 1B

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**RESPONDENT FRANCISCO V. AGUILAR'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) because this is a case involving ballot or election questions.

## **SUMMARY OF THE LIMITED ARGUMENT**

Respondent Francisco V. Aguilar, in his official capacity as Nevada Secretary of State, takes no position on the legality of the proposed initiative petition and will comply with any final judgment in this case.

## **LIMITED ARGUMENT**

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

This case was brought prior to the Secretary of State having the opportunity to consider certifying the proposed initiative petition as sufficient pursuant to NRS 295.061(2). The Secretary of State takes no position on the legality of the proposed initiative petition. Appellant and the other Respondents will make arguments as to the petition's legality, and the Secretary of State will comply with any final judgment in this case. The Secretary of State also takes no position on the policy merits of the proposed initiative. If deemed legal and qualified for the 2024 general election ballot, Nevada 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.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 22nd day of December, 2023.

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