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Hello Nevada Supreme Court,

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My name is Laura Nguyen, I work as a guest room attendant on the Las Vegas Strip and I am a member of the Culinary Union.

An eviction mediation program is really important to my family. If we are evicted again, we deserve access to this mediation. We were evicted a few months ago in June. My son had COVID-19 during that time and my landlord brought strangers to the house while he was quarantining in his room. It was a huge ordeal where I even had to fill out a police report. I was still evicted and had to go stay with a friend before I was able to find a studio attached to a house to rent.

After moving into my new studio I contracted COVID-19 and infected my daughter in July. We both got really sick because we are diabetic. My daughter is still in observation and has to go to the doctor every two weeks. After my daughter tested negative for COVID-19, the CDC came to our studio and disinfected it. Now every time I go shopping, I throw away my clothes at the entrance of our home and disinfect everything so that my daughter doesn't get re-infected with COVID-19.

While I was positive for COVID-19 I couldn't leave the house. We were running out of food so I called the Culinary Union for help and they reached out to the Helping Hand program to drop off food and groceries at my house through the Helping Hand program. The Culinary Union and Helping Hand has been there for me and my family in this tough situation -they knew what I was going through and had food delivered to me and my family.

Right now I am receiving \$276 a week of unemployment benefits. My rent every month is \$700 alone - and that doesn't include any other bills. I have decided to put all of my money to pay my rent this month because of what I went through when we were evicted, but I don't know how I am going to pay for next month. My family has been traumatized by this experience. My children see a therapist twice a week and I was diagnosed with a trauma stress disorder and I speak to a therapist every week.

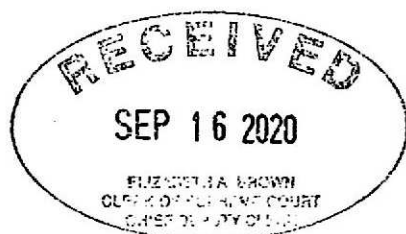
I have been surviving on donations from the Helping Hand program and another meal program that my social worker helped me connect with.

I am a single mother, the father of my children recently passed away so I am their sole provider. I have four children - two who live with me. Two of my children that live with me are doing distance learning. My 17-year-old son is a high school senior and my 14-year-old daughter is an 8th grader.

I don't know what I am going to do next month. I don't have family here in Las Vegas. If we get evicted and get sent to a shelter I am afraid that my daughter could get re-infected with COVID-19 and die. I am hopeful that my employer calls me into back to work so that I can get some hours.

I ask the Nevada Supreme Court to use Exhibit A to ensure that the eviction mediation program allows all families equal access to mediation, this will let families like mine have a chance to survive during this global health and economic pandemic.

Thank you.



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