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We write on behalf of the Northern Nevada Regional Organizing Group (NNROG), a nascent broad-based, non-partisan organization working on practical issues on local, regional, and statewide levels. The NNROG is comprised of religious congregations and secular non-profit organizations in Northern Nevada, and is working with Nevadans for the Common Good (NCG) to build an organization that meets people where their lives hit the ground locally, but with the capacity to also act on decisions that impact the lives of all Nevadans.

As a group, we support the adoption of Exhibit A in this matter. We believe Exhibit A best addresses the needs of tenants and provides them the greatest access to the mediation program. It is imperative that all parties impacted by the current crisis be served equally. Adoption of Exhibit A will best avoid undue burden on our economy and the judicial system and will avert the imposition of further suffering on individuals who are most severely affected by this crisis.

Exhibit A would allow tenants to avail themselves of the mediation program without having to first litigate the issue of whether they should be allowed to participate. On the other hand, adoption of Exhibit B would require tenants to demonstrate that they are deserving of access to justice; such a requirement would have a chilling effect on participation in the program. All tenants should be able to elect mediation, and that outcome is best served by the adoption of Exhibit A.



In sum, we respectfully urge the court to adopt the proposed mediation rules contained in Exhibit A in this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

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