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SUPREME COURT OF NEVADA
DEBORAH A. AGOSTI, CHIEF JUSTICE
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March 13, 2003

The Honorable Bernie Anderson
Chair
Assembly Judiciary Committee
Nevada Legislature
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Chairman Anderson:

This letter will serve as my written testimony on behalf of the Supreme Court of Nevada. We wholeheartedly support AB 242 which raises administrative assessments on misdemeanors by \$10.00.

As you know, the AOC's entire budget and a major portion of the Supreme Court's budget, fifty-two percent, is funded through administrative assessments. This method of funding the judicial branch of government's budget has resulted in a major negative consequence in FYs 2002 and 2003 when the total sum of administrative assessments collected statewide declined. In FY 2003 alone, the Supreme Court's budget, approved in the last legislative session, was short \$344,000.00. In order to make up the shortfall and in order to address the seriously inadequate computer and technology support for the Supreme Court it is imperative that AB 242 passes into law.

I thank you for your consideration of this important matter. If you or any member of the committee has questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah".

Deborah A. Agosti
Chief Justice

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cc: All Assembly Judiciary Committee Members

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY
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SUBMITTED BY: DEBORAH AGOSTI