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Honorable Secretary Aguilar,

We, the undersigned County Clerks and Elections Officers, are excited for the implementation of the new Voter Registration & Election Management System (VREMS) being developed with us by the Secretary of State's Office and KNOWiNK. We clearly understand the standards and expectations of AB422, as enrolled after the 2021 Legislative session. We are confident the new VREMS will enhance our ability to prepare for elections, reduce the burden on county resources to compile and report election data, and more efficiently manage voter registration and reconciliation. We eagerly anticipate the benefits of this project, but we are concerned that project success in both real and public perception terms may be unattainable under the current implementation schedule.

We thank you for your acknowledgement and sensitivity to the many statutory requirements of our elected positions and the limited resources of our offices. We have been working closely with your Elections Division and the vendor team to develop, test, and roll-out an enterprise software project of the scope and significance of VREMS, and it has not been easy. Through the project many of us have struggled to meet both the daily demands of our Elected Offices and the workload required by the project. We would not have been able to make the progress we have if not for the leadership and generous support of your team.

Nevertheless, the Mock Election exercise we conducted last week revealed a number of issues in the system that must be resolved before we "Go Live". While KNOWiNK is confident they can address the extensive "punch-list" from the Mock Election exercise before April 1st, that leaves us a very narrow window to conduct any review and testing of the updated tools and verify final data conversion of voter

records. Both of these steps are vital to complete before we can rely on the new system to conduct an election.

We are already in the planning stages for the June Primary and fast approaching statutorily mandated deadlines for the election preparation and set-up. Our combined resources are stretched too thin to do the required election activities along with demands from our other offices while simultaneously testing the system upgrades and integrations, and conducting additional mock election exercises required to confirm data conversion. These steps are necessary to demonstrate, both to ourselves and to the public, that this new tool has met the requirements to ensure a safe and secure election.

Therefore, we collectively and formally request that the “Go Live” date for the VREMS project be extended to July of this year, to give us all time to complete the due diligence expected by our constituents and ourselves.

This request is not made lightly. We need this system. More importantly, we need this system to be successful. We all are charged with ensuring the accuracy, integrity, and security of elections. We must be able to guarantee that we have a final product that will best serve the needs of the voters in Nevada.

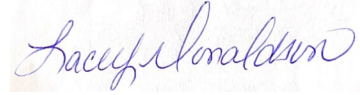
We appreciate your consideration of this request, we are grateful for the spirit of collaboration you have instilled throughout this process. We pledge to you that we will work with you and your team to make this project successful in the General Election, so that we achieve all the benefits that VREMS promises to provide to the voters in Nevada.



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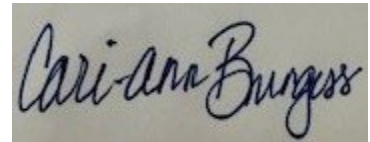
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