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# State of Nevada Senate

January 12, 2012

Catherine Cortez Masto  
Nevada Attorney General  
100 N. Carson Street  
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Dear General Masto:

Recent press reports have indicated that your office, or the Nevada Department of Transportation with the advice of your office, contracted with a Virginia law firm to defend the Nevada Department of Transportation against a claim relating to the Carson City freeway construction, and that said firm has been paid some \$6 million already and the matter has not been resolved. This raises several questions, including the following:

1. Why did your office retain or advise the Department of Transportation to retain an outside law firm to defend the State against this claim?
2. What process led to the retention of this particular law firm?
3. Why wasn't a Nevada firm retained?
4. When did the work performed under the contract commence?
5. What is the current status of the litigation?
6. Is your office supervising this litigation, and, if so, what controls do you have in place to monitor the attorneys fees being incurred?

Please provide answers to these questions, and any additional information that you consider relevant to this matter, to my office within 30 days of the above date. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Brower".

Greg Brower  
Senator, Washoe District 3

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cc: Governor Brian Sandoval  
Tom Fransway  
Len Savage  
Frank Martin