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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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| PHILLIP J. LYONS,             | ) |                                     |
|                               | ) | Case No. 2:14-cv-00046-RFB-NJK      |
| Plaintiff(s),                 | ) |                                     |
|                               | ) | <b>ORDER REGARDING INMATE EARLY</b> |
| vs.                           | ) | <b>MEDIATION CONFERENCE</b>         |
|                               | ) |                                     |
| JAMES G. COX, <i>et al.</i> , | ) |                                     |
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| Defendant(s).                 | ) |                                     |

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The screening order issued by the Court indicated that the Court would determine whether to refer this case to the Inmate Early Mediation Program. *See* Docket No. 7 at 8. Since that time, the Court has received several notices in response. Nevada Deputy Attorney General Frederick Perdomo filed a notice of limited appearance on behalf of Defendants Cox, Geddes, Cortez Masto, and Williams. *See* Docket No. 10. Attorneys Ashlee Fletcher and Gina Winspear filed a notice of limited appearance on behalf of Defendant Collins. Docket No. 14. Assistant United States Attorney Troy Flake has filed a notice that he is willing to attend a settlement conference, but not appear, as to Defendant Hoye. Docket No. 15. Attorney Travis Barrick has also filed an application to make a limited appearance on Plaintiff’s behalf to engage in settlement discussions, *see* Docket No. 16, which the Court is granting by separate order.

The Court hereby **ORDERS** the above attorneys to meet-and-confer, no later than January 27, 2015, regarding whether referral of this case to the Inmate Early Mediation Program is advisable. If so, counsel should discuss how such a mediation should be conducted in light of the numerous parties

1 and differing legal representation, as well as whether attendance by an appropriate representative with  
2 full settlement authority is practicable as to each defendant. Counsel should also determine at least  
3 three upcoming Fridays on which all necessary participants are available to attend any mediation.  
4 Alternatively, counsel should discuss whether it is more appropriate in this case for the Court to order  
5 that informal settlement discussions occur without further Court involvement.

6 The parties are further **ORDERED** to submit, no later than February 3, 2015, a joint status  
7 report reflecting the parties' positions as to the above.

8 The Clerk's Office is **INSTRUCTED** to serve a copy of this order on Assistant United States  
9 Attorney Troy Flake.

10 IT IS SO ORDERED.

11 DATED: January 14, 2015

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15 NANCY J. KOPPE  
16 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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