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March 7, 2013

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-221 Capitol Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Reid:

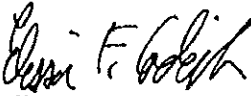
It has been a great honor and a privilege to be nominated to be a United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, and I am grateful for your recommendation and continued support. However, my nomination has been pending and awaiting consideration by the United States Senate for over a year now. It appears to have reached an impasse, as Senator Heller has declined to sign a blue slip as required by the Senate Judiciary Committee to hold a hearing regarding my nomination. Accordingly, it is with regret that I write to inform you that I have requested that President Obama withdraw my nomination to this position at this time.

The District of Nevada now has three vacancies among its seven allocated district judge positions, a situation which has severely impacted the ability of Nevadans to get speedy justice, particularly in civil cases. Additionally, it has put a weighty burden on the four sitting district judges as well as the senior judges who graciously continue to serve the court. Thus, by withdrawing my nomination, I am hopeful that there will be a speedy nomination and confirmation process for a new candidate in order to get that court up to its full complement of judges to the benefit of all citizens of Nevada.

Moreover, as a sitting District Judge in the Eighth Judicial District Court for the State of Nevada, I intend to seek re-election to my position in 2014. This will require me to actively campaign, attend and promote my candidacy at public events, and, if an opponent files against me, raise money for my campaign. My efforts in anticipation of this campaign must begin within the next few months, and the Code of Conduct for United States Judges provides guidance that nominees for federal judicial office refrain from political activity.

Once again, I am grateful to you for recommending my nomination and to President Obama for nominating me for this prestigious and important position. I look forward to continuing to serve the people of the State of Nevada in other capacities.

Sincerely,

  
Elissa F. Cadish

cc: Senator Dean Heller