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Sheriff Douglas C. Gillespie Clark County Sheriff's Department 400 S. Martin L. King BLVD Las Vegas, NV 89106

Dear Sheriff Gillespie:

I am writing to bring your attention to the ongoing situation in northeastern Clark County which has caused many of my constituents to fear for their safety.

Residents of Bunkerville and the surrounding area have expressed concern over the continual presence of multiple out-of-state, armed militia groups that have remained in the community since the BLM halted its actions to impound the cattle of Cliven Bundy earlier this month.

My constituents have expressed concern that members of these armed militia groups:

- 1. Have set up checkpoints where residents are required to prove they live in the area before being allowed to pass:
- 2. have established a persistent presence along federal highways and state and county roads; and
- 3. Have established an armed presence in or around community areas including local churches, schools, and other community locations.

We must respect individual constitutional liberties, but the residents of and visitors to Clark County should not be expected to live under the persistent watch of an armed militia. Their continual presence has made residents feel unsafe and maligned a quiet community's peaceful reputation.

Residents have expressed their desire to see these groups leave their community. I appreciate the responsiveness and accessibility you and your office have provided during this difficult time for those directly impacted by the situation. I urge you to investigate these reports and to work with local leaders to ensure that their concerns are addressed in a manner that allows the community to move forward without incident.

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