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Plaintiff,
vs.

Defendant.

CASE NO. D-21-XXXXXX-P

DEPT. NO: D

Date of Hearing: 9/25/25 Time of Hearing: 2:30 pm

PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO OUR NEVADA JUDGES' MOTION TO UNSEAL CASE FILE, AND PLAINTIFF'S COUNTERMOTION TO MODIFY AND AMEND CONDITIONS OF CHILD TESTIMONY TO PROTECT ANONYMITY OF MINOR AND RELATED RELIEF

COMES NOW Plaintiff, XXXXXXXXX ("Dad"), by and through his counsel,

JAMES J. JIMMERSON, ESQ., of THE JIMMERSON LAW FIRM, P.C., and hereby submits this Response to Our Nevada Judges' *Motion to Unseal Case File*.

Dad and his counsel recognize that access to courts, which they generally support, can be a thorny issue where important public policies—a public's right to access and the best interests of a child—can clash. In this case, however, a saving grace lies in the outstanding and unique skillset of the Honorable Robert Teuton, a seasoned jurist who has toiled in Juvenile Court matters affecting minor children in difficult circumstances for more than 25 years. Judge Teuton, here, will be able to draw upon his extensive experience and expertise to balance the competing interests of the public's right to know, and the need to protect this family and, especially, this XX-year-old child.

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Even the most zealous First Amendment advocate will recognize the need to preserve a child's best interests and innocence to the extent possible, especially when faced with exposing details in a case like this. It is one thing to champion a public's right to know when the law supports it, but quite another to allow full access to a case where it could destroy an innocent child's psychological well-being. This is a serious case, with serious consequences for the child and his family, if the child is further harmed as a result of judicial exuberance or political activism.

While the Nevada Supreme Court in *Falconi* held that NRS 125.080, EDCR 5.207 and EDCR 5.212 was unconstitutional, its holding does not apply to sealing off paternity and custody cases under NRS 126.211 which are, under current law, presumptively closed. The legislative scheme applying to paternity and custody cases between unmarried parents falls under a different scheme as codified under NRS 126. While this response considers the *potential* future impact of *Falconi* upon presumptively sealed paternity cases under NRS 126, until the Nevada legislature or Nevada Supreme Court rule otherwise, the law controls.

Of greater concern to Dad is not public policy on whether recent precedent regarding hearing in divorce cases also applies to paternity cases, but the protection of a **XXXX**-old child, his father, and his family in the face of a custody trial with extremely personal and sensitive information about that child. This innocent family's protection must be considered and deferred to over general public policies and curiosity. A balance of interests must be drawn, and this Court is particularly adept and skilled at attempting to do so in a case like this.

With that in mind, Dad respectfully requests the following relief:

1. That, if this case is unsealed at all despite the presumptive closure under NRS 126.211, that Court balance the public's right to information with the minor child's and Dad's rights to privacy, with only limited unsealing, including by (1) limiting unsealing to permit only visibility of the case, but not allow access or downloading of filed documents, (2) setting forth strict protocols to redact (bleeping out) the names/identity and any information that could be used to identify or locate the minor child or Dad during hearings, as set forth herein, and (3) mandating appropriate redactions/continued sealing to protect

this matter.

the anonymity of the minor child and Dad, including restricting access to the courtroom on a hearing by hearing basis other than appropriately-redacted recordings;

- 2. That the Court strongly err on the side of protecting the minor child by strictly prohibiting *any* recording of the minor child, or disclosure of the child's name, image, or identifying information, given the sensitive nature of the issues in this case;
- 3. That this Court modify and amend the conditions of the minor child's testimony, converting it to a private child interview in Chambers, with the child's therapist present for emotional support, given the intense media scrutiny; and
- 4. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

DATED this 20th day of August, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

THE JIMMERSON LAW FIRM, P.C.

/s/James J. Jimmerson

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION.

While Dad and his counsel generally favor the public's right to access courts, absent compelling interest to maintain privacy and redaction, here, such compelling interests exist. In a case that is presumptively closed under NRS 126.211, this Court is faced with a decision that carries a far greater risk to the safety, privacy, and well-being of a minor child than the benefits of complete transparency. In balancing the interests, I the Court finds any level of unsealing to be appropriate under the specific fact here, it should be limited to making the existence of (but not the documents within) the case visible, and limited coverage of hearings that do not expose the child or details about the child, Dad, or his family. The private and personal information about the minor child which already exists unredacted in the filed papers, pleadings, and even Orders in this case, and the need to protect this child and family from exposure and harm, mandate, under current circumstances, that the filings and all information about the minor child remain sealed and, if recording is allowed at all, strict protocols to protect the minor child, Dad, and innocent third parties. This Court's wisdom and experience can guide it in drawing appropriate lines in abuse cases involving children.

The child is an innocent XXXXXX who has already suffered more than any child should. The disclosures he made were not because of some custody dispute or parental disagreement; they were of deeply harmful conduct no child should have to endure. Every new layer of public access risks further identifying him, retraumatizing him, and reducing his ability to live a normal life, free from public scrutiny or stigma.

Dad's sole objective is to ensure that this child does not suffer any more than he already has. For as long as it takes—until he is old enough to protect himself — Dad will continue to safeguard him from contact or circumstances that could place him in danger. The physical, mental, and emotional safety of the child here is far more important than the public's curiosity and interest in the salacious details about case, and whatever benefit may come from unsealing these files is outweighed entirely by the harm it would cause minor child. His privacy, safety, and right to move forward without a public label as a victim must take precedence over any other consideration. Thus, while presumptively closed, any unsealing of this file, if granted, should remain extremely limited, with proper safeguards to protect the child, Dad, and their family.

II. STATEMENT OF FACTS.

A. Case Background.

Contrary to what XXXXXX friends have been spreading on social media, there was not (and has never been) a "long custody battle" in this case. Dad's custody Complaint was filed on February 4, 2021 after approximately eight months of attempting to work with Mom to be an active and involved part of his son's life. During the short litigation, consisting of a single M otion, Opposition, and Reply, XXXXXX pattern of dishonesty, her serial, repetitive, impulsive communications with Dad, and her erratic false allegations, were quickly exposed.

Ironically, back then, XXX was accusing Dad of abuse and of "impulse control" issues—while portraying herself as a perfect mother with an idyllic background. Her allegations were impeached by her own communications and records—including her

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extensive criminal history for theft, robbery with a deadly weapon, burglary, and larceny, her Impulse Control Disorder diagnosis that explained her irrational behavior and her compulsive lying. As one example, Mom's March 1, 2021 Opposition alleged that Dad's elderly mother made hysterical "scenes" during child exchanges on February 5 and 7, 2021, crying and screaming the child's name, grabbing the child and pulling him into the house as the child screamed. But, as detailed in Dad's Reply filed March 29, 2021, XXXX had no idea that Dad had Ring Cameras on the exterior of his home which captured the entire exchange on both days. XXXXXXX sworn statements about what occurred with [the child]'s Grandmother were not merely embellished or exaggerated—they were a **complete fabrication**. They were one of many.

After her lies were exposed, the parties stipulated to joint legal and physical custody in June 2021. The entire case only lasted three months.

B. Dad Did Not Return to Court, Despite l Erratic Behavior Throughout The Years Following Case Closure.

XXX and her friends have spread misinformation about the period after the case closed in 2021 and before the child's disclosures. XXXX friends have been claiming online that Dad was disinterested in the child for "seven years" until his wife allegedly could not have children. Others have suggested that Dad made up the child's disclosure and coached the child because the family was in the middle of a nasty custody battleclaims which XXXXXXX perpetuated. Both claims are false.

The truth is that from 2021 to early 2024, multiple incidents occurred where engaged in erratic or unstable conduct, made false allegations, violated existing court orders, and involved the minor child in adult disputes. When XXXXX was in the throes of her Impulse Control Disorder, she would have extreme and irrational reactions to any perceived slight. This pattern continued for the entire three-year period after the

¹ The public records confirmed psychiatric evaluation by Dr. Norton Roitman diagnosed her with and noted a high likelihood of relapse without sustained treatment, as well as a history of self-harm, eating disorders, and impulsive, illegal conduct that was likely to reoccur. Upon information and belief, compulsive masturbation is one noted symptom of the disorder.

parties resolved their custody case. Yet, there was no "custody battle" initiated by Dad, who did his best to navigate XXXXX unstable and erratic episodes.

Take, for example, the barrage of text messages and false allegations with unleashed on Dad and his wife with on their wedding day because two Facetimes with the child were not enough, the battles she got into with members of her Mom's group which led to threats against her so severe that she kept the child home from school for several days (lying to Dad and claiming the child was sick), the times with unleashed on the child when he dared to express love for Dad or his Bonus Mom (eventually leading to Dad and the child making up a hand signal to say "I love you"), or when she jerked the child backwards of out Dad's arms causing the child to fall down during a child exchange, and then began erratically screaming that Dad was "hurting" him because Dad advised that his wife may assist with transportation for child exchanges. These reactions—which the child has since described as Mom having a "parasite in her brain"—were far more extreme than the minor dispute the parents had in March, 2024 about how Easter Weekend should be allocated.²

Despite XXXXX instability, Dad consistently facilitated her parenting time and encouraged her relationship with [the child]. It was not until March 24, 2024, when the child made the serious disclosures of sexual and other abuse by XXXXX. that Dad had no choice but to take immediate action.

C. The Child's March 2024 Disclosure and Initial Protective Measures.

Not only was there no custody battle in March, 2024, but Mom had the child in her custody for an extended period of time for Spring Break and her own custodial time, from March 4, 2024 through March 22, 2024. On Sunday, March 24, 2024, the child disclosed the sexual abuse by XXXXX to Dad and his wife, and to some degree to the Henderson Police—who had been called by XXXXXX for a welfare check.

² In fact, the Easter Weekend issue was quickly resolved by agreement the Friday prior. Typical of however, she quickly changed her mind and caused conflict, devolving into a barrage of text messages and Facetime calls, and irrational accusations, when Dad did not immediately respond.

week *since he was seven*. The child had no idea that what he disclosed was sexual abuse. He just knew it felt wrong, and he was terrified about what his Mom would do now that he had told.

Law enforcement contacted Child Protective Services ("CPS") the next day, the child was forensically interviewed the day after that by a sex crimes detective, and (to ensure that he was not violating a Court Order), Dad contacted his counsel to have an Emergency Motion filed. Until that point, there was no live custody dispute.

On March 25, 2024, Dad's counsel filed a Motion to temporarily modify custody based upon the minor child's disclosures that his mother, XXXXXXX had regularly

of him, grabb ing his hands and making him punch her, locking him in his room, erratically yelling at him, and throwing up regularly at night.

Dad told Mom that the child made disclosures, and that he was not returning the child, and he kept the child home from school after Mom and her friends posted online that Mom could just go to the school and take him. From that point forward, Dad personally escorted the child to the school gate each day. Within days, the Family Court reopened the long-closed case and granted temporary custody to Dad with no contact with XXXXXXX until the hearing.

D. XXXXXXX Public Allegations of "Kidnapping."

Despite these facts, XXXX created an online post, shared by multiple friends and on her Las Vegas Super Moms group, alleging that the child was "kidnapped" and asking people to contact her if they "saw" him. She mentioned nothing about the child's

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disclosures, the emergency motion that Dad had filed, or the emergency Order granted by the Court pending the hearing. Nor did she disclose her arrest or the criminal case that was opened shortly thereafter. Her online posts alleged that the child was unsafe in Dad's care—even though CPS was involved and closely monitoring and regularly visiting the child in Dad's home.

E. Court-Ordered Communication and Resulting Harm.

XXXX filed an Opposition to Dad's Motion, alleging that it was Dad who made the allegation and that the child had not made a disclosure at all! Opposition filed April 1, 2024, p. 6. She claimed that "the incident Plaintiff was referring to was simply and [the child] dancing and being silly together." She claimed the disclosure was "completely fabricated" or "planted"—even though the child disclosed to Dad, Stepmom, police officers, CPS, a forensic sex crimes detective, his therapist, the DA and his own attorney in the "J" case, and (later) a Grand Jury.

After the Court's emergency temporary custody order, but before the Department of Family Services filed its own case, Dad was directed to facilitate recorded video calls via Our Family Wizard between XXXXXXX and the minor child, as well as supervised visitation at Donna's House. The child experienced significant emotional distress before and after these calls, including hiding, crying, and remaining inconsolable for extended periods. The Court was clear that XXXX could not discuss Dad, the case, or the minor child's disclosures. Yet, within the first week, XXXX violated the Order by interrogating the child about his disclosures during a call—manipulating him and attempting to make him recant by repeatedly telling the child she was in trouble and going to jail. Even as the child sobbed hysterically, begged her to stop asking these questions, and said he was not lying, XXXXX continued to witness-tamper and pressure the child, to gather evidence to save herself.

With her flagrant violation of the Court's Orders on April 8, 2024—and evidence of her consciousness of guilt—an emergency motion was filed to suspend contact,

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which was granted. The Department of Family Services commenced its "J" case almost immediately afterwards and maintained the no-contact Order. The court in the criminal case issued its own, separate No Contact Order, which has been maintained to this day.

Attempts to Circumvent Protective Measures and Violations of Court Orders.

Throughout this time, XXXXX refused to accept and abide by the Court's Orders and consistently sought to circumvent them. Shortly after the child's disclosure, for example, XXXXX went to the child's school in an attempt to see and potentially take him, despite the emergency motion that had been filed. She later used a third-party parent whose child attended the same school as the child, to contact the child through his classmate's smartwatch on the playground. After the No Contact Order, enlisted the wife of one of the child's baseball coaches to send the child a message from her during practices. The child was so scared he left the practice hysterical. That same woman had been sharing and repeating XXXXXXX "kidnapping" narrative, despite the child's continued participation in team activities in her presence.

After the Department of Family Services opened its own case and a criminal case was filed, XXX and a friend created and circulated a GoFundMe page titled "Support" XXXX in Her Fight for [the Child's] Safety," sharing it using a #JusticeFor[the child] hashtag all over social media. Despite having the right to have appointed counsel, was soliciting funds for herself, while publicly identifying the child and misrepresenting the facts. Posts from her Las Vegas Super Moms group—where she is an administrator—repeated and amplified these claims, increasing public hostility toward Dad and risking the child's safety by publicizing identifying information about Dad and the child. Dad feared it was only a matter of time before the public would become aware of the criminal case. Contrary to Mom's recent claim during her deposition, Dad did not "leak" the information on social media.

On the contrary, Dad and the child's appointed attorney in the Department of Family Services ("J") case later spent months trying to have XXXX remove these posts

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and public photos of the child—recognizing that with XXXXXXX heading a Facebook group with almost 30,000 members, it was highly likely that the criminal case would garner unwanted attention. Dad was also concerned that the social media presence that XXXX maintained around a narrative that the child was "unsafe" or "kidnapped" or in need of "justice" would cause others to confront or take the child, or to harm the child, Dad, or his wife. Despite multiple Court Orders requiring XXXXXXXX to remove her "kidnapping" allegations, posts claiming the child was "unsafe" or "in need of justice," and posts that would allow his identity to be known, XXXXXXX never fully complied.

XXXX has privately spread misinformation as much as she has publiclor For example, XXXXX boasted to third parties that she took a polygraph test to prove her "innocence." She did not tell these third parties that she took *four* polygraph tests over three consecutive days and was unable to pass a single time. Her friends also privately messaged people spreading false narratives about Dad, the parties' history, and the child. Perhaps XXXXX friends who made comments like the child should be snatched, or "that man will pay" might allow Dad to care for the child in peace if they were given all the facts. However, again, this is not about Dad. It is about the child.

also snubbed her nose at Court Orders regarding financial relief. Despite having solely supported the child for almost a year and a half, Dad did not seek child support from XXXXXX until very recently. The Court issued an Order, but XXX refuses to pay child support to Dad and has not paid a single dollar. This is despite the fact that Dad incurred substantial legal expenses in protecting the child and even paid child support to XXXXXX for eight months while the child was in his sole custody.

Those actions, along with XXXXX interrogation of the child in violation of the communication order and her refusal to take down information about the child and her allegations on social media, reflect a pattern of violations and disregard for authority.

³ While polygraph results are not admissible for the truth of the examined matter, the fact that attempted the test four times over three days and was unable to pass on any occasion is consistent with her documented pattern of deception and manipulation.

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Dad could easily have shared those facts with the public. He did not, because his interest is in protecting the child.

G. The Sensitive Details in the Sealed "D" and "J" Cases Require Protection.

Because of the many issues surrounding XXXXXXX attempts to circumvent the Court Orders and refusal to abide by them, there were many motions filed in the CPS "J" case that included videos of the child and sensitive details about the child's disclosures. They encompassed other mental and emotional abuse of the child that the public is not aware of through the Grand Jury testimony—and personal details about the child such as where he goes to school and what activities he is involved in.

On November 27, 2024, XXXX stipulated on the record in the "J" case and pled guilty to an Amended Petition, including specific admissions that:

- caused [THE CHILD]...to be placed into circumstateses 6. ABUSE: where the child's health or welfare is harmed or threatened with harm...
 - 6.1 SEXUAL ABUSE AND/OR RISK OF HARM: poses a risk of sexual and/or emotional harm to [THE CHILD]. is charged with Lewdness with a Child Under Age Fourteen against [THE CHILD] in case 24-CR-064624...

On December 12, 2024, a Disposition Report was filed in the "J" case with recommendations to place the child in the sole custody of Dad, and for no contact with the child, and supervised visitation after completion of the Conditions in the Disposition Report and a Case Plan, including a Sex Offense Specific Evaluation with a specific provider, following all recommendations of the assessment, an evaluation for cognitive behavioral therapy with a specific provider, engaging in targeted therapy specific to her offense and following all recommendations, and eventually participating in family therapy with the child only when both her therapist and the child's therapist agree that it is clinically appropriate and would not be psychologically harmful to the 26 dhild. K genuine remorse and acknowledgment of her actions was also a condition of reunification. Id.

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shall have no contact with [THE CHILD] until a recommendation by both XXXXXXXX and [THE CHILD'S] respective therapists that contact is appropriate. Failure to complete the case plan and/or demonstrate behavior changes may be considered by a custody court."

Id. at 2:24-27.

The Court also Ordered counsel for Dad and XXX to meet and confer regarding child support, and to determine whether any justiciable issues remain relative to the domestic case. The meet and confer was held on January 2, 2025, where XXX refused to stipulate to any sum of child support, and asserted that there were justiciable issues as she believed the change in custody in this case was technically a "temporary" order. That is the reason that a custody trial presently pends in the custody case.

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III. LEGAL ARGUMENT

A. As Paternity Cases are Presumptively Closed, With the Burden on Movant to Show Good Cause to Unseal in Exceptional Cases, Unsealing, if Granted, Should Be Extremely Limited.

While paternity cases are presumptively sealed, if any unsealing is granted, it would be extremely limited unsealing as discussed below, with the minor child's safety, emotional needs, and best interests paramount in any consideration. Our Nevada Judges ("ONJ") request to unseal this case appears on its face to be extremely limited—its primary interest being in "deploying high-definition cameras" at hearings and a desire to "see" the existence of a case to identify hearing dates and times. However, its request to render NRS 126.211 unconstitutional suggests a potentially much wider unsealing and offers no provisions for protection of the minor child's privacy and safety interests.

1. Paternity Cases Are Presumptively Closed and the Burden to Show "Good Cause" is Upon the Requestor.

ONJ's Motion also incorrectly states that it has a "presumptive right of access" to paternity/custody cases, which is contrary to law. As a paternity and custody case, NRS 126.211 governs. That statute—which had *not* been held to be unconstitutional—states:

NRS 126.211 Hearings and records: Confidentiality. Any hearing or trial held under this chapter <u>must be held in closed court without admittance of any person other than those necessary to the action or proceeding</u>. All papers and records, other than the final judgment, pertaining to the action or proceeding, whether part of the permanent record of the court or of a file in the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services or elsewhere, are subject to inspection <u>only upon consent of the court and all interested persons</u>, or <u>in exceptional cases</u> only upon an order of the court <u>for good cause shown</u>.

NRS 126.211 (emphasis added).

In other words, paternity and custody cases are presumptively closed, both in terms of access to filed documents "other than the final judgment" and access to hearings. *Id.* While the Supreme Court in *Falconi v. Eighth Jud. Dist. Ct. in & for Cnty. of Clark,* 140 Nev. Adv. Op. 8, 543 P.3d 92, 97 (2024) that NRS 125.080, EDCR 5.207 and EDCR 5.212 were unconstitutional because court hearings are presumptively open

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and the statutes did not permit the trial court to exercise its discretion to decide whether closure was warranted, no such finding was made to as NRS 126.211. In fact, in Footnote 6 of the *Falconi* decision, the Court explicitly stated that, "Because no party asked us to consider the constitutionality of NRS 126.211, we do not do so here." *Id.* at 96.

The legislative history of NRS 126.211 differentiates it from other civil or even family cases.⁴ It was based upon the Uniform Parentage Act which contains nearly identical language, the "comment" to which states that, "In view of the sensitive nature of paternity proceedings, the Committee considered it essential that such proceedings be kept in confidence." § 20. [Hearings and Records; Confidentiality]., Unif. Act on Parentage 1973 § 20. Federal law also requires the state paternity statutes to protect privacy in these cases. See NRS 425.405(1)(a), noting that Nevada's federal funding under Title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 601 et seg.), requires the state to "protect the privacy of persons involved in any action or proceeding for the establishment of paternity or the establishment or enforcement of an obligation for the support of a child." *Id*.

While ONJ cites to the "good cause" language in NRS 126.211 which allow unsealing upon Court Order, it fails to note that the Court may only do so "in exceptional cases." NRS 126.211. ONJ does not explain why this is an "exceptional case," and its only "good cause" argument is that "The extensive sealing of this case renders ONJ unable to monitor the case as even the dates and times of hearings are rendered invisible." Mot. at 5:20-21.

While Dad does not oppose unsealing only to the extent it renders dates and times of hearings visible, the Court should not go further to allow access to documents or unfettered public access to all hearings. No access to the child or information about the child should be granted. If access to any hearings is granted, strict protocols should be

⁴ Our rules also distinguish between divorce cases and paternity/custody cases, in limiting the disclosures required and portions of the FDF to be completed. C.f., NRCP 16.2, NRCP 16.205.

in place as detailed further below, to protect the child and to protect Dad and his family. This includes redacting and bleeping out their names and blurring Dad's name and image,⁵ as is typically done by ONJ, but must go beyond those protections given the sensitive nature of the issues, the tender age of the child, and the trauma the child has already suffered.

The public's interest in the salacious details surrounding XXXXXXXX dotes not constitute "good cause" to unseal the entire case and expose the child to public scrutiny.

Unsealing the case only to allow hearing dates and times to be viewed *without* allowing documents to be downloaded would assist in correcting misinformation about Dad and the child being spread by XXXX friends on other social media groups and on Reddit, such as claims that there was a "custody battle" at the time the child made his disclosures. But allowing documents to be accessed which reveal things like Dad's name and employment, the child's full name, the child's medical providers, where the child goes to school, and the like, would be severely detrimental to the child. Allowing NRS 126.211 to be ignored and unsealing the case would allow any curious third party

⁵ While Dad has taken care not to use the child's name in this filing, his name in the caption and anywhere else in this document must be redacted if any part of this Response becomes available to the public.

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interested in nothing more than salacious details or drama to download and read motions, pleadings, orders, and obtain information through which they could identify, contact, locate, harass or harm the child or Dad.

As no good cause or exceptional case exists, the request to unseal the entire case, to the extent that request is being made, should be denied.

2. Even if There Were a Presumption of Openness, Which There is Not, The Child's Compelling Interests Require That Sealing Be Largely Maintained.

ONJ argues that the language in NRS 126.211 allowing this Court to unseal in extraordinary cases" for "good cause," "provides the necessary discretion for this Court" to apply the *Falconi* case's strict scrutiny analysis." While NRS 126.211 carries a presumption of closure—not openness—the facts here compel protection of the minor child over the general public's complete access to information.

Under *Falconi*, the presumption of a First Amendment right of access (which, again, does not exist here under current law) can be overcome when the closure is necessary to preserve a compelling interest and is narrowly tailored to serve that interest. Falconi, 543 P.3d at 92. To overcome the presumption of a First Amendment right of access to court proceedings, one must show three things: (1) closure serves a compelling interest; (2) there is a substantial probability that, in the absence of closure, this compelling interest could be harmed; and (3) there are no alternatives to closure that would adequately protect the compelling interest. *Id*.

Here, closure serves a compelling interest of the child's privacy and safety, because of the age of the child and the nature of the issues that are present before the 23 Court. The child is an innocent **XXXXXX** and her friends have already put into the public sphere allegations that should. the child is lying, or that Dad coached him—both of which are false allegations. Yet, those who believe them have made threats to harm Dad or snatch the child, just based on what previously publicized and refused to take down for months. Every new

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layer of public access risks further identifying him, retraumatizing him, and reducing his ability to live a normal life, free from public scrutiny or stigma.

Given the intense scrutiny by the local, national, and international media, and on social media, there is a substantial probability that, in the absence of closure, the child's compelling interest of privacy and safety, as well as the safety of Dad and his family, could be harmed. The Court has already made Orders to this effect in Case No. J-24-XX-S1, requiring to remove posts on social media that identified and exposed the child:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Natural Mother is prohibited from encouraging, enticing, soliciting or assisting any other person from posting new information concerning [the child] or this case, including photographs of [the child], in/with which it is alleged that he is kidnapped, unsafe, in need of assistance or in need of justice. Tr. 19:18-19:37

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Natural Mother, is prohibited from encouraging, enticing, soliciting or assisting others to delete any emails that are pertaining to the Justice4[the child]@gmail.com account, including the person that created the account. Natural Father's request for an order that all such emails be preserved is granted. Tr. 32:07-32:09; 33:03-33:04; 38:48-39:15

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Natural Mother is to remove all public pictures and videos in which minor child can be identified from domains to which she has access to and over which she can exercise control, including, specifically, the Las Vegas Super Moms Group, until conclusion of the case. Tr. 19:38-19:50

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Natural Mother is to remove all social media posts, including the GoFundMe account, that reference minor child being kidnapped, being unsafe, in need of assistance or in need of justice. Tr. 22:05-22:20; 22:55-23:12; 30:39-30:52. The Court is concerned about the safety of the minor child and potentially adverse actions against the Natural Father.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Natural Mother is to designate all photos and videos of minor child on her personal Facebook account to the setting of private, until conclusion of the case. Tr. 29:41-29:43.

Order From September 16, 2024 Hearing, filed November 15, 2024.

There are no alternatives to closure that would adequately protect the minor child's or Dad's compelling interests, other than the limited unsealing to allow the public to "see" the existence of a case to identify hearing dates and times (but not to access or

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download any documents), and if permitted at all, strict protocols on hearing coverage that protect the child and all information about the child, Dad, and their family.

3. The Provisions Enacted Under SB 432 Further Support Maintaining Sealing. Or Allowing Only Limited Unsealing, in This Case.

The legislature recently allowed the Court discretion to limit public access to certain information through SB 432, which will set forth a new procedure for Courts to determine whether closure is necessary to serve a "compelling interest." While this bill repealed NRS 125.080 and 125.110, it made no adjustments to NRS 126.211, which remains the law. To the extent the Court would consider the effect of that bill, the best interests of the child support Dad's requested relief.

Through SB 432, the Legislature set out a non-exhaustive list of factors to determine whether there is a "compelling interest" that would necessitate closure of a case, including:

- The best interest of any child. a.
- Whether permitting observation or recording of the hearing creates a "substantial risk" of violating any federal or state law, regulation, or court rule relating to disclosure of personal identifying information that cannot be mitigated by sealing court records, including without limitation: b.
 - Health information defined by 45 C.F.R. § 160.103. (1)
 - (2) Educational record under 20 U.S.C. § 1232g and its regulations.
- Whether absent closure there is a substantial risk that:
 - (1) A party or child may suffer harassment, indignity, undue embarrassment, or other physical or emotional harm.
 - (2) The fundamental right of privacy of any person will be violated.

Here, the best interest of the child is a compelling and substantial basis to maintain the sealing, and limit the unsealing, of this case. This case involves sensitive personal information including details of the sexual and other abuse of the child. The child's personal medical information and education information are likely to be exposed, as well as financial information of Dad as child support issues are addressed. More

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importantly, given the abuse the child has endured and the personal information about the child within the papers, pleadings, and Orders already on file, the child would be open to public stigma, shame, harassment, indignity, undue embarrassment, and emotional harm, and his fundamental right to privacy will be invaded through no fault of his own. The same is true for Dad, who has done nothing more than attempt to protect this child and maintain the confidentiality of this matter. There is also, as the Court already found, a substantial risk that the child or Dad or his family could be harmed.

After considering factors as to whether closure is necessary to serve a compelling interest, a court is to make written findings:

- a. Whether a substantial probability that, absent closure, the compelling interest will be harmed.
- b. Whether there are alternatives to closure that would adequately protect the compelling interest.
- c. Whether the closure is narrowly tailored to protect the compelling interest.

As outlined above, there is a substantial probability that if this case is unsealed, the compelling interests of the child and Dad will be harmed. If any unsealing is allowed under the facts here, the Court in the alternative can permit a very limited unsealing to balance the public's right to information with the minor child's and Dad's rights to privacy and safety, by limiting unsealing to permitting only visibility of hearing dates, without the public's ability to read filed documents. Any videos must include redacting names/identity of parties during hearings except when futile, blurring faces and bleeping names and identifying information, and mandating appropriate restrictions to protect the anonymity of the minor child, Dad and his family as discussed below. Absent these strict limitations, the child and Dad's compelling interests cannot be adequately protected.

B. Specific Orders Should Be Entered and Guidelines Enforced to Protect the **Anonymity of The Minor Child.**

ONJ has provided guidelines for coverage which provide for redaction of names and blurring of images except (as in the case of XXXXXXXX) where futile —but those provisions do not go far enough when a minor child is involved, and where the case is

about sexual or other abuse that the child has endured. In that regard, Judge Teuton is in a unique position with his extensive experience in Juvenile cases where, often, the children before him are vulnerable and traumatized. While Dad and his counsel take seriously First Amendment rights, their interest, like this Court's, is primarily in protecting the safety and privacy of the minor child, and shielding the child from further trauma and mental and emotional harm.

The hearings and Trial in this case are expected to discuss in detail the abuse that the child suffered, private information sufficient to identify and locate the child such as where he goes to school or where he gets medical care, information sufficient to identify and locate Dad, his wife, or his family, sensitive financial information, and private health information. For those reasons, the Court should strongly err on the side of protecting the minor child by strictly enforcing the following provisions and protocols if access to hearings is permitted at all:

- 1. The unsealing of the case shall be limited to allowing visibility of the case sufficient to identify filings and hearing dates, but not to allow filings to be downloaded or accessed, as all prior filings in this case disclose the name and identifying information of the minor child and Dad;
- 2. In an abundance of caution, no future filings shall refer to the child by name and any and all information which could be used to identify or locate the child or Dad shall be redacted by the parties;
- 3. Any and all testimony, argument, records, or information which provides disclosure of the child's, Dad's, or his family's name, image, or identifying information shall be redacted (whether in writing or at hearing), including the bleeping and/or redaction of names, blurring of images, and protection of confidential or identifying information;
- 4. Any and all testimony, argument, records, or information which could be used to identify or locate the minor child, Dad, or third parties shall be redacted, including, but not limited to, information regarding the child's schooling, information regarding the child's medical providers or extra-curricular activities, information regarding Dad's employment or affiliations, or the child, Dad, Dad's wife or family members or friends' names or images. Counsel shall be provided the opportunity to review proposed redactions prior to publication of any videos;
- 5. Absolutely no recording may be made of the minor child, images of the minor child, or the minor child's testimony, given the sensitive nature of the issues in this case;

- 6. All CPS records, child interview records, and other records which require confidentiality under EDCR 5.405 shall remain confidential and sealed;
- 7. All records, testimony and/or argument regarding financial information of either party, including Financial Disclosure Forms, shall remain confidential and sealed; and
- 8. Because of the sensitivity and private details likely to be shared during hearings and Trial in this matter, the Courtroom shall remain locked to the general public's in person or virtual access, with requests to open to the public considered on a hearing-by-hearing basis. The public will only have access through ONJ's coverage subject to the redactions outlined herein;

While some of these provisions may require more careful editing by ONJ on any hearings it wishes to cover, they are necessary to protect the compelling privacy and safety interests of the minor child and Dad in this case and to minimize the risk of retraumatization, harm, or exposure. They are also narrowly tailored to provide to ONJ what it appears to seek—visibility of the case to identify hearing dates, and the ability to provide coverage during hearings and/or Trial.

C. The Conditions of The Minor Child's Testimony Should Be Modified Due to the Intense Media Scrutiny, to Protect The Child's Anonymity.

Finally, the Court should modify its Order permitting the minor child to testify via alternate means to further protect the child, given the local, national, and international media attention that criminal case has received. Presently, the child was to testify in the courtroom, with the Court and both counsel—but not the parties—present in the courtroom, and with his therapist present for emotional support. However, it is now very likely that the child could encounter third parties and strangers outside of the courthouse, outside of the courtroom, or elsewhere at the time he is to testify. The Court has already ruled that the factors for determining an alternative method for the child's testimony applies and granted Dad's request to allow the same (which known had stipulated to in the "J" case). However, the publicity of the case impacts those factors under NRS 50.590, necessitating further restrictions.

Dad requests that the child's testimony be converted to a child interview by the Court in chambers, with each party preparing and providing questions to the Court with which to examine the child. Child interviews are routinely completed in family court

and have substantially less of a negative impact on the child than testimony. A child interview by the Court in Chambers (with or without counsel present), separately scheduled and recorded, is an alternative method reasonably available under NRS 50.590(1). If this Court's chambers does not have the technology, other Chambers may have the same.

Pursuant to NRS 50.590(2), these available means are better for "protecting the interests of or reducing emotional trauma to the child" with the new public interest in the case. The sensitive, traumatizing, and emotional nature of the case, under NRS 50.590(3) also compels a method of receiving the child's testimony that does not subject him to public exposure or scrutiny. The relative rights of the parties, factor 4, can be protected by allowing the parties to submit questions and/or by allowing counsel to be present with the Judge in Chambers. Under factor 5, the importance of the child's testimony is paramount in this case. Finally, factor 6, "the nature and degree of emotional trauma that the child may suffer if an alternative method is not used" heavily supports amending the Order to allow the child to testify in the privacy of the Court's chambers, and not in a courtroom which could potentially be accessed by the public. The media attention and public interest in this case (factor 7) is also a compelling and relevant factor supporting Dad's request.

For all of those reasons, the Court should convert the child's testimony to a child interview, in Chambers, and limit the child's trauma and exposure.

IV. CONCLUSION

While Dad understands the public and media interest in this case given the large mom" group that created and runs, and deeply appreciates all of the public support, prayers, and encouragement for the child, his sole interest is in ensuring that the child is safe and protected. For all of those reasons, Dad respectfully requests the following relief:

- 1. That, if this case is unsealed at all despite the presumptive closure under NRS 126.211, that Court balance the public's right to information with the minor child's and Dad's rights to privacy, with only limited unsealing, including by (1) limiting unsealing to permit only visibility of the case, but not allow access or downloading of filed documents, (2) setting forth strict protocols to redact (bleeping out) the names/identity and any information that could be used to identify or locate the minor child or Dad during hearings, as set forth herein, and (3) mandating appropriate redactions/continued sealing to protect the anonymity of the minor child and Dad, including restricting access to the courtroom on a hearing by hearing basis other than appropriately-redacted recordings;
- 2. That the Court strongly err on the side of protecting the minor child by strictly prohibiting *any* recording of the minor child, or disclosure of the child's name, image, or identifying information, given the sensitive nature of the issues in this case;
- 3. That this Court modify and amend the conditions of the minor child's testimony, converting it to a private child interview in Chambers, with the child's therapist present for emotional support, given the intense media scrutiny; and
- 4. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

DATED this 20th day of August, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

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DECLARATION OF

under penalty of perjury, does hereby declare:

- I am the Plaintiff in this action, and competent to testify in this matter. I have read the foregoing PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO OUR NEVADA JUDGES' MOTION TO UNSEAL CASE FILE, AND PLAINTIFF'S COUNTERMOTION TO MODIFY AND AMEND CONDITIONS OF CHILD TESTIMONY TO PROTECT ANONYMITY OF MINOR AND RELATED RELIEF and make this Declaration in support of it.
- 2. I have reviewed the Response, and attest that the facts are true of my own personal knowledge, except where stated upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true. I hereby incorporate the factual statements within the Response in this Declaration, as if set forth in full.
- I am extremely concerned about the impact of the publicity of this case on 3. our son, and my only goal and desire is to protect him as much as possible.
 - 4. I respectfully request that the Motion be granted.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 20th day of August, 2025.

