



**United States District Court
District of Nevada**

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Honorable James Sensenbrenner, Jr., Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
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Re: H.R. 2723

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write on behalf of the judges of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada to express our opposition to H.R. 2723, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judgeship and Reorganization Act of 2003.

The specific alignment proposed in H.R. 2723 would result in a new Ninth Circuit consisting of Nevada, Arizona and California with at least 24 judges and a potentiality for additional judgeships. We remain of the view that the reorganization proposed in H.R. 2723 does not meaningful address the issues of judicial administration posed by a large circuit. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Harry Reid
Senator John Ensign
Congressman Shelley Berkley
Congressman Jim Gibbons
Congressman Jon Porter
Hon. Mary Schroeder
Hon. Kozinski
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All Nevada Judges