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March 5, 2003

Assemblyman Tom Collins – Assembly for Natural Resources, Agriculture & Mining

Re: Nevada Commission for Full Statehood

Dear Chairman Collins, and Honorable Committee Members:

My name is Julie A. Keller, and I am from Dayton NV. I am representing myself, wild horses, ways to save them, and open space. I am also a member of the Wild Horse Preservation League. I am not in favor of this organization as it is highly detrimental to wild horses, and all wildlife, as well as public land and open space. My testimony is as follows:

- Wild horses are an indigenous wildlife species, as modern *Equus Caballus* evolved on the North American continent. Please see the information throughout the 2002 Wild Horses of Nevada calendar I have provided you.
- Within Nevada there are over 2,300,000 AUMs (Animal Units Monthly) given to the public lands ranching/livestock industry by the BLM for their livestock grazing.
- A wild horse mare and her foal are counted as TWO AUMs while a cow and her calf are counted as ONE AUM.
- BLM grazing of 2,300,000 cows, and if calves are included, there can be 4,600,000 cows/calves grazing on public lands within Nevada. However, to my knowledge, the BLM does not keep count of the cows, or have an accurate count of the wild horses they've removed.
- The existence of the Nevada for Full Statehood organization would mean the beginning of the end of all wild horses, and other wildlife.

Thank you, Chairman Collins, and honorable Committee Members, for the opportunity to present my testimony with regard to the Nevada for Full Statehood organization. I hope you will consider wild horses as they relate to this issue regarding all wildlife.

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