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Dear State of Nevada:

The majority of my practice is litigating PCR cases. I have not been paid in months for work that I have completed and apparently there will be no payments anytime soon because this work is unfunded.

This is not only unfair, but amounts to a Fifth Amendment takings issue for which the state is liable for the amount owed and reasonable interest.

When will I be paid? I hear that lawsuits are being prepared. It would be best for everybody for Nevada to avoid costly litigation and affiliated attorneys' fees.

I am beginning to shift my practice to categories of work that are funded. I am not alone in this trend, worsening the crisis of indigent defense in Nevada. I saw that Governor Lombardo wrote an Op-Ed for the New York Times, professing to care for working families. I am one of those people, with a small law practice funded exclusively by state and local governments. It is truly a hardship for me to not be paid.

Please let me know what will happen.

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