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The Voice of Small Business

NEVADA

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Senate Legislative Affairs and Operations Committee

RE: SJR 7

Small business is integral to the United States economy. That is why the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) continues to fight to protect small businesses on issues such as tax relief and tort reform.

It is just as important, however, that we protect small businesses from rogue states and terrorists organizations who pose a threat to our way of life. September 11, 2001 demonstrated the devastating effect that an attack from a foreign entity can have on our country and economy. But while those attacks cost our economy billions of dollars, it is estimated that a ballistic missile attack on a heavily populated area could cost trillions of dollars.

Several dozen countries pose a threat to the United States with ballistic weapons of mass destruction – and that threat continues to grow daily. But right now the United States does not have a deployed missile defense system to protect us from such an attack.

Nevada has several strategic locations that could be considered prime targets for an attack, including Hoover Dam, Nellis Air Force Base and Fallon Naval Yard. The Pentagon and CIA have confirmed that North Korea has the ability to launch a missile capable of reaching the Western United States. We can no longer afford to assume that we are safe anywhere, including Nevada.

The Nevada chapter of NFIB supports Senate Joint Resolution 7 which declares the support of the Nevada Legislature for deployment of a national missile defense system. The United States Government must take all actions necessary to protect its citizens and small businesses from an attack that is capable of causing mass destruction, loss of American lives and severe damage to our economy.

Sincerely,

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Tuesday, April22, 2003

RE: SJR 7

The Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB) is committed to improving student achievement through local school board leadership. One of our most important responsibilities is providing a safe and effective learning environment for our students, teachers, and staff. In fact, a safe learning environment is of primary concern to parents and educators. We take this responsibility very seriously.

While we make every effort to ensure our educational environments are safe from reasonable harm, it is impossible to guard against every conceivable threat that may occur. The terrorist events of September 2001 reinforced that impossibility in a very unnerving way. We learned rather abruptly that, while we may have some measure of control over the environment for which we are responsible, what happens beyond that environment is practically out of our control.

Given the threats posed to the United States and more particularly to Nevada by rogue nations, NASB lends its support to SJR 7 declaring the support of the Nevada Legislature for the deployment of a national missile defense system. NASB believes it is incumbent upon our government to take this important action to protect its citizens and our students from an attack that would have devastating impacts upon our nation, its economy, and its public schools.

Sincerely,

Anne Loring, President

Nevada Association of School Boards



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