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Southern Nevada Building & Construction Trades Council

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May 9, 2003

Dear Chairman Manendo:

The Southern Nevada Building Trades Council representing 18 Local Unions would like to be on record against SB 358.

We do support protecting the natural beauty and the geological significance of Red Rock Canyon. We also believe those protections exist today in Federal Law.

We do not, however, support the State creating an artificial barrier to growth. Creating such a barrier is both anti-growth and anti-jobs. We believe in managed growth for the Las Vegas valley. Managing growth allows for the best opportunity for job creation and the best scenario for maximizing our quality of life.

SB 358 is an anti-growth measure. That is bad for our local economy. It is bad for the creating good jobs. And, it is bad for our State.

There has been a great deal of publicity about a proposed residential development, which would be prohibited by this legislation. The actual site was a gypsum mine for over 50 years. That means the area was excavated by using explosives to blow craters in the ground and haul the dirt to a mill. A residential development in this area would be a great improvement to what exists now.

We also believe that local government, not the State Legislature, should make zoning decisions. We have a long history of local government's role in zoning issues and we should not set a new precedent today with this bill.

We adamantly oppose SB 358.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Nard
Secretary Treasurer



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SUBMITTED BY: Charles Graham



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May 10, 2003

To whom it may concern:

This letter is to confirm that Charles Graham of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 525 has full authority to speak on behalf of the Southern Nevada Building and Construction Trades Council regarding SB 358 at the hearing scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2003, at the Grant Sawyer Building in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Nard

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