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April 24, 2003
Assembly Taxation Committee

Chairman Parks and Committee Members,

President of the AFIRE Retirees and

My name is Danny Coyle [REDACTED] and I am a member of the Legislative Committee for NARA (Nevada Alliance for Retired Americans). I am here today to advise you that NARA strongly supports the Governor's tax plan that proposes a broad based tax.

NARA represents over 5,000 retirees and seniors in the State of Nevada, all of which are on fixed incomes. Many of them have had to get small jobs to supplement their meager pensions.

We have supported a broad based tax plan from the beginning.

(NARA)

On February 25th, we [✓]wrote to all legislators urging them to support fair taxation to all residents. We again wrote on April 22nd to remind all Nevada legislators of the impact of taxes for services on senior and retirees. NARA is pleased to have had replies from so many legislators on this issue. Clearly a tax for services is not an issue that has complete support from all of your colleagues in the legislature. A tax for services will greatly affect the lives of those on a fixed income. It will mean a daily lessening of their quality of life.

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Everything that they purchase will cost more. Is it your intention to reduce their pensions and fixed incomes even further? Is it really fair to tax those that can least afford it? We understand the reluctance on the part of the Chamber and its members to have their taxes also increased.. but businesses are making profits, seniors and retirees are not! The bottom line for corporations should not be more important than people. That is the choice that faces you when you vote on the tax package this year. Over the past few years, we have heard how dedicated and committed many of you are to the seniors in our State. This one vote will really test those comments. A broad based tax bill is fair. Why should business not pay its fair share for its prosperity? Why should those that earn over \$450,000 be spared?

The AFACNE Retirees,

✓ **NARA, and its Executive Board and members strongly urge you to pass a broad based tax bill for all residents of Nevada. Thank you for your attention.**