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# Nevada Alliance for Retired Americans

April 22, 2003

To: All Nevada Legislators

From: Judi Booe, Legislative Chairman

## RE: Legislation Regarding Taxation

In representing thousands of seniors and retirees, the Nevada Alliance for Retired Americans, feels that it is urgent that we write to all of you and urge you to consider the serious ramifications that will affect this special group of residents if you should legislate a tax on services.

Although many of you pledge your personal concerns in your written material and rhetoric about protecting seniors and retirees, your actions in the next few days will be the mark on which you will be judged. By placing taxation on services, you are reducing the quality of life of seniors. We will have to pay much more in taxes that we cannot truly afford. We are on **fixed incomes (unlike businesses) and have worked our whole lives** to try and finish out our lives with dignity and comfort. Your actions to reduce our income further will have a great affect on our remaining years.

On the other hand, a **business tax (gross receipts tax) that is evenly spread among many different types of taxes, especially businesses**, certainly makes more sense. Why should some businesses be allowed to NOT PAY TAXES in Nevada? Why should a business that earns over \$450,000 be treated better than senior citizens? Your choices are clear. Is the business community that has millions to spend on public relations more important to you than the residents you have been elected to represent? Just remember, someday you also will be a retiree and senior citizen, and do you want your income to be lowered by legislative action?

We plead with you on a very personal level. We cannot realistically afford to be those that the tax burden falls on. Many businesses have the capability and the money to make the difference in the state's economy. The elderly do not!

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