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January 22, 2003

Nevada Legislature

Re: Urgent Transportation Issue

Southern Nevada

To Whom It May Concern:

We, the undersigned, represent the majority of both taxi and limousine owners in southern Nevada, and wish to advise you of the urgent situation that currently exists. We believe if corrective action is not taken early in the 2003 Legislative Session, that the problems are such that the limousine industry will essentially "implode" and likely take the taxi industry down as well.

Least you think we are being overly dramatic, we would remind you that it is one of the very rare occasions when we are all in agreement as to the magnitude of the situation, and we believe you will hear equal concern from the drivers and their unions.

The problem is fairly simple: New limousine companies are being approved without regard to need and/or financial stability either of the individual companies or the industry. In the past four years, the number of limousine companies has increased from four to forty (chart attached). Unlike the taxi industry, which has strict guidelines and limited allocations based on need, most limousine companies are free to add vehicles on what amounts to an unlimited basis. The result is that limousine drivers are now turning to cab customers given that the limousine industry is over-saturated. We are reviewing numerous situations where limousine drivers are raiding taxi lines at major strip hotels.

The situation is chaotic, and is spinning out of control. The end result if not corrected, will very negatively affect the Owners, the Drivers, and most importantly, the Tourists, who are going to be caught up in a situation not of their making.

Given the urgency of the situation, our industry is fielding an advocacy team at the 2003 Legislative Session who will work with you on finding a solution to the problem we face. Feel free to contact any of us directly, but our team in Carson City, at your disposal, consists of the following: Bob Campbell, Jimmy Gomes, Gary Milliken, Rogich Communications, and Mike Sullivan.

Thank you for your assistance in finding a solution to this issue.

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