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**CITY OF WEST WENDOVER**

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February 18, 2003

Assemblyman John Carpenter
Nevada State Legislature
Carson City, Nevada

Subject: West Wendover -- Human Resource Branch

Dear Assemblyman Carpenter:

The City of West Wendover appreciates very much the opportunity to support this second and upcoming Bill in this session of the Nevada State Legislature, which would establish a local Human Resource's Branch office here in West Wendover. Much like that of the DMV office, this would address the detriment in the lack of services provided to our community from the State level.

In support of this legislation, the City of West Wendover would summarize our support as follows:

For many years, the City of West Wendover and its residents have relied in great part on the generosity of the State of Utah and its Public Service, Health and Welfare System. Yes, you indeed read correctly. Since the City of West Wendover became incorporated in 1991 as a Nevada Municipality, and even prior to that date, the State of Utah has provided essential services to the whole Wendover area including that of our City and its Nevada citizenry. As a result, many in the State of Nevada's Welfare agencies have taken a blind eye to services in West Wendover knowing that those services through the State of Utah were available to residents just across the state line.

Though this has been the view of the past, it cannot continue to be the view for the future. West Wendover residents pay their taxes and as the State of Nevada uses our population numbers to formulate the amount of funds, which the State will receive from the Federal Government, West Wendover citizenry should receive under the basic premise and entitlement of taxation with representation, those essential services which promote, protect and sustain life.

This is even more important today, as the State of Utah and related agencies in Utah withdraw their services as the population of Wendover, Utah declines while the population of West Wendover, Nevada grows. To this extent just recently in the month of February, the essential services provided by the IHC Women's Health Clinic, which many of our lower income residents used, were discontinued. This to be likely followed by the eventual review and possible removal of other services including WIC, Food Bank and other programs. These programs have a dramatic effect on our community especially in regards to the impacts, which they have on lower income individuals and families.

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Your assistance in ensuring that our community receives the services it is due, by the passage of this most important Bill, is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Josephine E. Thaut, Mayor

Lore E. Cook, Councilwoman

Mike Miera, Councilman

Alan B. Rowley, Councilman

Viola S. Troyan, Councilwoman

Michael R. Gunter, Councilman

cc: Chris J. Melville, City Manager, West Wendover

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