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May 20, 2003

**The Honorable William Raggio, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
Nevada Legislative Building
Capitol Complex
Carson City, NV 89701**

**The Honorable Morse Arberry, Chair
Assembly Ways and Means Committee
Nevada Legislative Building
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Carson City, NV 89701**

Dear Chairman Raggio and Chairman Arberry:

We are writing to urge you and the members of your respective committees to support full funding for the State of Nevada Washington D.C. Office.

The member organizations and representatives of the Lake Tahoe Transportation & Water Quality Coalition have been active in Washington D.C. for more than 12 years. During this time, we have worked closely with the State's D.C. office and staff, and have found the operation to be of great value, and an important resource in our work to help preserve, protect, and enhance Lake Tahoe. Thanks in part to the help of the Nevada Washington office and staff, we have been able to make major improvements in the way we plan and fund transportation projects in the Tahoe region. We have coordinated with the office on many projects, important legislation, and on a variety of other issues, in particular, in our cooperative efforts with the Nevada Department of Transportation and members of the Nevada Congressional Delegation.

With the primary source of dollars to support this office coming from the Highway Trust Fund, the modest amounts of funding from the Nevada Commission on Tourism and Commission on Economic Development represent a very productive, cost-effective, strategic investment.

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Please do everything you can to ensure that funding for the continued operation of the State of Nevada Washington, D.C. office is approved by the State Legislature.

Thank you for your consideration of our views regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Steve Teshara
Co-Chair

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