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January 17, 2003

The Honorable Bill Raggio  
Nevada State Senate  
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Dear Senator Raggio:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Chairman Russell and me earlier this week. We appreciated the opportunity to discuss issues important to the Commission with you.

Chairman Russell shared with you the Commission's concerns regarding the constitutionality of the campaign practices law. As a point of clarification, though the Commission has concerns we are not requesting legislative changes to the campaign practices law. We understand that other legislators plan to introduce bills regarding amending or repealing the statutes.

We also shared with you our concerns that the Attorney General's office would be proposing to administratively house the Commission within their office. At its January 16, 2003 meeting, the Commission discussed this item and believes the Commission should remain independent.

I understand that our Senate budget hearing may occur during the first week of session. We look forward to sharing our concerns regarding the Commission budget with you and the Finance Committee at that time. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Chairman Russell or myself.

Warm regards,


  
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