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Room 1220

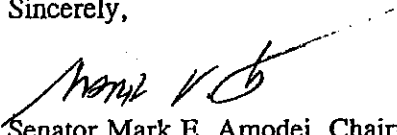
Assemblyman Morse Arberry Jr., Chairman
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Dear Senator Raggio and Assemblyman Arberry:

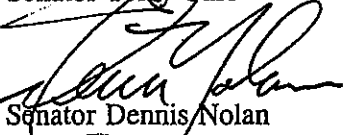
On behalf of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, as a result of testimony heard before the Committee last week, we wanted to alert you to potential concerns with the budget shortfall facing Nevada's Department of Public Safety. Specifically, within Nevada's Investigation Division, the Committee was informed that the loss of forty positions will have dire consequences for rural Nevada and the statewide fight against the ever-increasing narcotics epidemic. Further, the Committee heard testimony that budget shortfalls may further affect Nevada's Department of Corrections, and in turn, the Division of Parole and Probation.

While our concern rests with policy considerations, we would like to encourage your committees to strongly consider the implications for maintaining the balance and confidence in our system of public safety.

Sincerely,


Senator Mark E. Amodei, Chairman
Senate Committee on Judiciary


Senator Terry Oare


Senator Dennis Nolan


Senator Valerie Wiener


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cc: David Kieckbush, Deputy Director, Department of Public Safety
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