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Office of the Governor

June 16, 2011

The Honorable Ross Miller
Secretary of State
Capitol Building
101 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Assembly Bill 550 of the 76th Legislative Session

Dear Secretary Miller:

I am herewith forwarding to you, for filing within the constitutional time limit and without my approval, Assembly Bill 550, which is entitled:

AN ACT relating to transportation; directing the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study concerning state ports of entry; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assembly Bill 550 directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study concerning state ports of entry. The study must examine the feasibility and cost of establishing permanent ports of entry on highways within this state, and consider the appropriate functions to be performed at or by ports of entry. In conducting the study, the committee is required to consult with agencies within Nevada and of adjoining states having jurisdiction over matters relating to transportation.

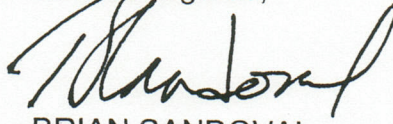
In some states, ports of entry provide an effective mechanism for monitoring and inspecting commercial vehicles and drivers to promote and enforce compliance with state and federal regulations. Ports of entry, however, are not considered the most efficient or effective means for Nevada to accomplish its compliance and safety goals in the trucking industry. A comprehensive study of ports of entry was conducted in 2004 by the Nevada Department of Transportation with the Departments of Public Safety, Motor Vehicles, Agriculture, Business and Industry, Taxation, and the Federal Motor Carrier Administration. The study concluded that annual benefits are less than annual costs for either a Nevada-only port of entry or a California/Nevada joint port of entry, making neither port of entry economically justified.

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There is no indication that factors related to operating a port of entry in Nevada have significantly changed since the 2004 study was conducted. Therefore, I must conclude that an interim study on ports of entry is unnecessary and redundant.

Because this bill would require an unnecessary and duplicative study to be conducted, I veto it and return it to you without my signature and without my approval.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Sandoval", written over the typed name.

BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor

Enclosure

cc: *The Honorable Brian Krolicki, President of the Senate (without enclosure)*
 David A. Byerman, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)
 Susan Furlong, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)
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