



Office of the Governor

JIM GIBBONS
GOVERNOR

June 9, 2009

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

RE: Senate Bill 143 of the 75th Legislative Session

Dear Secretary Miller,

I am herewith forwarding to you, for filing within the constitutional time limit and without my approval, Senate Bill 143, which is entitled:

AN ACT making an appropriation to the Interim Finance Committee for allocation to pay costs relating to the implementation of certain legislation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senate Bill 143 appropriates \$500,000 to the Interim Finance Committee "to pay costs relating to the implementation of legislation concerning state revenue enacted during the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature." As an initial matter, this bill ostensibly provides funding for a tax study as discussed during the conclusion of the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature. However, the wording of the bill itself is broad and would allow the funds to be allocated for nearly any purpose pertaining to taxes.

Of greater significance is the fact that the Legislature has chosen to appropriate a half million dollars during a recession to study further tax increases. Nevada's economy was vibrant for many years and allowed dramatic and, in hindsight, unfortunate increases in state spending. With this bill, however, the Legislature has focused on ways to sustain and even increase that level of spending instead of reducing spending to match existing

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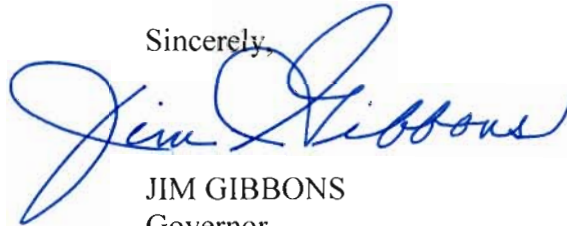
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revenues. Nearly every state in the nation has been impacted by the current recession and has taken steps to address those decreased revenues. We don't need an expensive study to tell us that government revenues will decline during a recession. We don't need an expensive study to justify maintaining unsustainable levels of spending by increasing taxes while our citizens struggle to get by. What we do need is responsible government that puts the needs of its citizens above its own wants.

For these reasons, I hereby exercise my constitutional grant of authority and veto Senate Bill 143.

Sincerely,



JIM GIBBONS
Governor

Enclosure

Cc: The Honorable Steven Horsford, Senate Majority Leader (without enclosure)
The Honorable Barbara Buckley, Assembly Speaker (without enclosure)
Susan Furlong Reil, Chief Clerk of the Assembly (without enclosure)
Claire J. Clift, Secretary of the Senate (without enclosure)
Brenda Erdoes, Esq., Legislative Counsel (without enclosure)