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Members, Vision Stakeholders Group  
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Dear Committee Members:

I have reviewed the most recent draft of the Vision Stakeholders Group prepared for you by Moody's Analytics. While there is much to compliment within it, there is also cause for concern. I specifically reviewed the Economy section.

To paraphrase, first do no harm. The goals within the VSG report are lofty but have not been prioritized. Given Nevada's current economic condition and noting that most economists believe we'll lag the recovery of the remainder of the nation, the actions you and the upcoming legislature take have far-reaching consequences.

Many small businesses are barely hanging on. A nudge may just push them over the edge and out of business. We cannot afford that. A nudge might be as small as power costs that go up or healthcare cost increases or, as we know is coming, an increase in unemployment taxes. Be very careful that you consider our existing businesses, in every sector, before acting to change Nevada's playing field. All of the high flown rhetoric of such laudable goals pales in comparison to the damage possible.

If, as an example from the report, we choose to promote R&D within the healthcare sector, from what sector will money come? Will Switch Communications really be the magnet proposed? Will Yucca Mountain lose the taint that envelopes it now?

Please, take care with what you propose. Nevada's businesses hang on for the most part by their fingernails. And it's not just the businesses, as we've learned in this recession. It's families, it's jobs and it is entire communities.

Please, do no harm.

Sincerely,

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