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TO: Chairman and Members of the Nevada Vision Stakeholder Group

Please accept a copy for each of you of my book, SAGE Nevada, about the Nevada Spending and Government Efficiency (SAGE) Commission. The book explains and prioritizes the 44 SAGE Commission recommendations that, if implemented, will save or enhance state revenues by about **two billion dollars** over five years and result in new efficiencies. It describes how they were developed and discusses why they have not yet been implemented. Unabridged versions of all 44 Commission recommendations are included.

I wrote and published this book primarily for Nevada's legislative incumbents and 2010 candidates. I am providing it to them at my expense because I want them to be aware of the important work done by the fourteen bipartisan volunteer members of this Commission, which has not cost Nevada's citizens a cent.

It is important for them, and you, to understand what the SAGE Commission did, and why, whether supported or not. Such understanding is crucial in the context of the 2011-13 budget cycle, where Nevada faces a projected \$3 billion deficit on an \$8 billion budget.

In the context of your work, I would point out that each of our 50 states has a significantly different tax base, yet 49 of them were experiencing fiscal crises similar to Nevada's when I wrote this book. "Stable" tax bases are apparently scarce among our state governments.

I request only that a copy of this letter be entered into the record of your April 6, 2010, meeting. Good luck in your work and best regards,

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