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Mr. Guy Hobbs, Chariman
Governor's Task Force on Tax Policy in Nevada

Dear Sir:

By action of the State Board on October 13, 2001, the League of Women Voters of Nevada supported undertaking "**a study of maximizing tax revenue to the State of Nevada.**" The purpose of this action was to study existing ways revenues due the state are collected and to study any impediments to collection, either by statute or department procedure. The intent was to make recommendations to the next biennial session of the state legislature.

I understand that two members of your comittee spoke to the need for better methods to collect taxes at you meeting on Wednesday, February 13, 2002.

In discussing this topic again at our State Board meeting, March 2, 2002, the LWWNV:

*** urges a careful consideration** by the Task Force of the changing demographic and industry patterns in the state and how this affects revenues. Please assess inequalities in revenue collection based on historical rather than current realities. Consider broadening the tax base rather than simply increasing taxes from current sources.

*** suggests an examination** of the state's economy today in its broadest forms, e.g., how the shift has occurred to a more service based society and how that impacts on tax revenue collection. A careful review of existing exemptions should also be a priority.

*** urges this Task Force to recommend** a clear direction to the 2003 state legislative session on how revenues and revenue collection can be effectively improved to benefit all Nevada residents.

Our spokesperson for this study/action is **Marilyn Brainard**. She may be contacted in Sparks at 775-626-1775; <marilynangel@earthlink.net> or by mail to 7326 La Costa St., Sparks, NV. 89436.

The League of Women Voters of Nevada wishes your Task Force well in its effort to define proposals that will provide additional revenue for the state. This will stabilize the tax base and "reduce the long-term structural deficit of the state budget". (ACR 1)

Sincerely,

Mary J. Albers, President
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cc. Marilyn Brainard and members of the LWWNV State Board