



PETITION TO NEVADA REPUBLICAN STATE LEGISLATORS

WHEREAS, The official Nevada Republican Party Platform clearly states that “Residents of the State of Nevada are not under-taxed and state government is not under-funded;” and

WHEREAS, The same platform states that “Gross receipts taxes and selective taxes on specific businesses will ultimately drive business away from our state;” and

WHEREAS, It has been proven over and over again that more money isn’t the answer to the failures of Nevada’s public education system, and...

WHEREAS, Claims to the contrary, Nevada is not underfunding education, but overfunding the education bureaucracy, and...

WHEREAS, Gov. Brian Sandoval’s proposed “Business License Fee” is in reality a misnamed gross receipts tax that is contrary to the Nevada GOP’s official platform; and

WHEREAS, The teachers union’s proposed gross receipts tax was rejected overwhelmingly by almost 80 percent of voters just last November; and

WHEREAS, The proposed dramatic increase in the gross receipts Business License Tax is both complex and arbitrary and will discourage businesses from opening and expanding in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Many businesses that would be hit with the proposed new fee structure will pass that cost on to taxpayers in the form of higher prices, making it, in reality, a tax hike on Nevada’s individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, Nevada’s citizens are taxed enough already; and

WHEREAS, The voters and taxpayers of Nevada were PROMISED in 2009 that the package of tax increases known as the “sunsets” were only temporary to get the state past the economic crisis caused by The Great Recession; and

WHEREAS, An important lesson we educate our children on is that a promise made should be a promise kept; and

WHEREAS, The governor’s proposed general fund budget is more than a billion dollars higher than the amount of tax revenue the Economic Forum has projected for the next two years; and

WHEREAS, The government should live within its means just as the people who fund the government do; and

WHEREAS, It is the governor's responsibility to submit a balanced budget and the governor has the staff and resources to redo a budget rejected by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Refusal to increase government spending is not a "cut" in government spending; and

WHEREAS, Gov. Sandoval hid his intent to seek this billion dollar-plus budget increase and tax hike until well after the 2014 elections were over; and

THEREFORE, There is no mandate from the people and taxpayers of Nevada in support of the governor's surprise billion dollar tax hike proposal; and...

WHEREAS, Any further extension of the "sunsets" would be an egregious and inexcusable breach of faith with the people of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, any mutant version of the gross receipts tax that was overwhelmingly rejected in the last election would be slap in the face to the voters and taxpayers of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, A balanced budget should be achieved through spending cuts of non-essential government services, the establishment of spending priorities, and the elimination of waste, fraud and abuse in government spending; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we the undersigned hereby urge Republicans in the Nevada State Legislature to reject and vote against any proposed budget that exceeds the projected revenue allotted by the Economic Forum which is funded in whole or in part by net increases in taxes or fees.

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