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AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION

Office of the President

November 16, 1995

The Honorable Robert Dole  
Senate Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-230 United States Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Majority Leader:

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U of NV signed this letter, which  
is referenced in the Ed. Dept.  
report.

- Pauline

In the coming weeks, you and the Administration will decide the fate of one of the most innovative federal student aid programs: the Federal Direct Student Loan Program. We are very concerned about efforts in Congress to limit direct lending, which currently provides about 40 percent of all student loans. We oppose any provision that would arbitrarily limit the ability of schools to participate in direct lending, as we would oppose any effort to force schools into direct lending against their wishes. We ask that in your deliberations with the Administration about the future of federal student loans, you retain institutional choice with regard to the participation of colleges and universities in either the direct student loan or the guaranteed student loan (Federal Family Educational Loan) program.

We write as presidents and chancellors of colleges and universities that are currently participating, or plan to participate, in direct lending, as well as those that intend to continue their participation in the guaranteed student loan program. Maintaining the availability of both direct and guaranteed loans is a sound policy that should be preserved, because schools' ability to join either of the two programs has improved the student loan process for all students and schools, regardless of whether or not they participate in direct lending.

Those of us who represent colleges and universities already in direct lending can attest to the improvements it has brought about for our institutions. We can report first-hand on the benefits of direct lending for our students: the simplicity of application, the speed of delivery of funds, the disappearance of lines of students waiting to endorse their checks at registration time, the precipitous drop in the number of emergency loans issued to students waiting to hear about their loans from banks and guarantors, and fewer visits to financial aid offices. Students often borrow less under direct lending because they know they can adjust their loan amounts without repeating the entire application process, and therefore only borrow what they believe they need, not the maximum for which they are eligible. Students will also reap the benefits of the income-contingent repayment option, which is only possible through direct lending. At the institutional level, direct lending has eliminated redundant paperwork, reduced staff time allocated to dealing with thousands of lenders and dozens of guarantors and other intermediaries, and vastly improved our overall aid delivery processes because it seamlessly integrates with other federal aid programs.

Those of us who represent institutions that are satisfied with the guaranteed student loan program also support the continued availability of the direct loan program to institutions. The competition created by direct lending has induced banks and guarantors to improve the efficiency of their delivery process, and has, for the first time, provided the student loan industry with market-based incentives to provide better service. The guaranteed student loan system has improved more since the phase-in of direct lending two years ago than it did over the more than two decades of its existence prior to 1993. These improvements were brought about by the fact that schools can now select the student loan program that provides them with the best service. Capping or otherwise limiting the direct loan program would undermine the market-based incentives that have so dramatically improved the guaranteed student loan system. The student loan system needs more competition, not less.

The current direct lending legislation was enacted as a bipartisan compromise a mere two years ago. Some 1,400 schools, relying in good faith upon what was presented to them as a major federal initiative, have invested substantial institutional resources to implement a program that they believed would better meet the needs of their students. These same schools, and several hundred others that have been planning to join the program in its third year, now confront the prospect of massive disruptions to their financial aid operations and their institutional planning. If direct lending is capped, many of these schools would be required to commit new institutional resources to pay for yet another overhaul of their loan delivery system.

Schools now have the option of participating in direct lending or the guaranteed student loan program based on their assessment of which program works best for their students. This has provided a strong incentive to both the Department of Education and to the student loan industry to improve the quality of their service to borrowers and schools. This is precisely the outcome that the bipartisan architects of current direct lending law intended in reforming the student loan system two years ago. We urge you to allow the forces of competition to continue to determine what percentage of the student loan market each program captures by retaining the current direct lending law.

Sincerely,

*Submitted on behalf of the following colleges and universities:*

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Amherst College, *Tom Gerety, President*  
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 Michigan State University, *M. Peter McPherson, President*  
 Michigan Technological University, *Curtis J. Tompkins, President*  
 Northern Michigan University, *William E. Vandament, President*  
 Oakland University, *Gary D. Russi, Interim President*  
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 Mississippi Valley State University, *William W. Sutton, President*  
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CUNY Brooklyn College, *Vernon Latin, President*  
CUNY City College, *Yolanda T. Moses, President*  
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CUNY Graduate School & University Center, *Frances Degen Horowitz, President*  
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CUNY New York City Technical College, *Charles W. Merideth, President*  
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Onondaga Community College, *Bruce H. Leslie, President*  
Pace University New York Campus, *Patricia O'Donnell Ewers, President*  
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 North Carolina School of The Arts, *Alexander Ewing, Chancellor*  
 Saint Augustine's College, *Bernard W. Franklin, President*  
 University of North Carolina at Asheville, *Patsy B. Reed, Chancellor*  
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 Cleveland Institute of Music, *David Cerone, President*  
 College of Wooster, *R. Stanton Hales, President*  
 Cuyahoga Community College, *Jerry Sue Thornton, President*  
 Denison University, *Michelle Myers, President*  
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University of Toledo, *Frank E. Horton, President*

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Portland Community College, *Daniel F. Moriarty, President*  
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Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Science, *Philip Gerbino, President*

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University of Puerto Rico System, *Norman Maldonado, President*  
University of The Sacred Heart, *Jose Jaime Rivera, President*

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Benedict College, *David H. Swinton, President*  
Claflin College, *Henry Tisdale, President*  
College of Charleston, *Alexander M. Sanders, Jr., President*  
Greenville Technical College, *Thomas E. Barton, President*  
Morris College, *Luns C. Richardson, President*  
South Carolina State University, *Leroy Davis, Interim President*  
The Citadel, *Claudius Watts, President*  
Trident Technical College, *Mary Thornley, President*  
Winthrop University, *Anthony J. DiGiorgio, President*

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

National College, *Jerry L. Gallentine, President*

## **TENNESSEE**

Crichton College, *Larry R. Brooks, President*  
Fisk University, *Henry Ponder, President*  
LeMoyne-Owen College, *Earl Vinson, Senior Vice President*  
Middle Tennessee State University, *James Walker, President*  
Motlow State Community College, *A. Frank Glass, President*  
Tennessee State University, *James A. Hefner, President*  
Tennessee Technological University, *Angelo A. Volpe, President*  
The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, *Frederick W. Obear, Chancellor*

## **TEXAS**

Austin College, *Oscar Page, President*  
Brookhaven College, *Walter G. Bumphus, President*  
Del Mar College, *Terry L. Dicianna, President*  
Devry Institute of Technology, *Francis V. Cannon, President*  
East Texas State University, *Jerry P. Morris, President*  
Houston Baptist University, *E.D. Hodo, President*  
Palo Alto College, *Joel E. Vela, President*  
Prairie View A & M University, *Charles Hines, President*  
Richland College, *Stephen K. Mittelster, President*  
Southwest Texas State University, *Jerome H. Supple, President*  
Tarrant County Junior College District, *C. A. Roberson, Chancellor*  
University of North Texas, *Alfred F. Hurley, Chancellor*  
University of North Texas Health Science Center, *Alfred F. Hurley, Chancellor*  
University of Texas at Dallas, *Franklyn G. Jenifer, President*

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Castleton State College, *Martha K. Farmer, President*  
Community College of Vermont, *Barbara Murphy, Interim President*  
Johnson State College, *Robert Hahn, President*  
Lyndon State College, *Peggy Williams, President*  
Middlebury College, *John M. McCardell, Jr., President*  
University of Vermont, *Thomas P. Salmon, President*  
Vermont State College System, *Charles I. Bunting, Chancellor*  
Vermont Technical College, *Robert Clarke, President*

## VIRGINIA

Central Virginia Community College, *Belle S. Wheelan, President*  
Hampton University, *William R. Harvey, President*  
Hollins College, *Jane Margaret O'Brien, President*  
Norfolk State University, *Harrison B. Wilson, President*  
Northern Virginia Community College, *Richard Ernst, President*  
Old Dominion University, *Jo Ann Gora, Acting President*  
Virginia Commonwealth University, *Eugene P. Trani, President*  
Virginia State University, *Eddie N. Moore, President*  
Wytheville Community College, *William Snyder, President*

## WASHINGTON

Central Washington University, *Ivory V. Nelson, President*  
City University, *Michael Pastore, President*  
Spokane Community College, *James H. Williams, President*  
University of Washington, *Richard L. McCormick, President*  
Washington State University, *Samuel H. Smith, President*  
Western Washington University, *Karen W. Morse, President*

## WEST VIRGINIA

Alderson Broaddus College, *Stephen E. Markwood, President*  
Bluefield State College, *Robert E. Moore, President*  
Fairmont State College, *Robert J. Dillman, President*  
Marshall University, *J. Wade Gilley, President*  
State College System of West Virginia, *Clifford M. Trump, Chancellor*  
West Liberty State College, *Donald C. Darnon, Interim President*  
West Virginia State College, *Hazo W. Carter, Jr., President*  
West Virginia University, *David C. Hardesty, Jr., President*  
Wheeling Jesuit College, *Rev. Thomas Acker, S.J., President*

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Lakeland College, *David Black, President*  
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University of Wisconsin System, *Katharine Lyall, President*  
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, *Larry Schnack, Chancellor*  
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, *Judith L. Kuipers, Chancellor*  
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, *John H. Schroeder, Chancellor*  
University of Wisconsin-Stout, *Charles W. Sorenson, Chancellor*  
University of Wisconsin-Superior, *Jan G. Womack, Chancellor*

In the primary race, Coffin faced token opposition in his bid to advance to the general election against Rep. Ensign, who faced no opposition from within the GOP party. Coffin paid little attention to his three Democratic opponents to throughout the campaign, preferring to reserve much of his \$210,000 for his battle against Ensign, who has nearly \$1.3 million in the bank. Campaign advertising pitting Coffin and Ensign against one another began long before the September 3rd primary election, with Coffin accusing Ensign of corrupt behavior, and Ensign criticizing Coffin for accepting funds from the AFL-CIO, which supports the storage of nuclear waste near Las Vegas. The results of the September 3rd primary are as follows:

### 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#### DEMOCRATS

Coffin 69%  
Banta 13%  
Gross 13%  
Mautner 5%

#### REPUBLICANS

Ensign UNOPPOSED

*Coffin*

*Jim Holly*

*(702)  
366  
9696*

*(702)  
396 - 4600  
Wilson*

In a televised debate held last month, Coffin accused Ensign of running a campaign based in "lies, innuendo, and half truths." Ensign ignored claims raised by Coffin in both his opening and closing remarks and stuck to his prepared remarks, hammering home that he had "fought to get rid of wasteful spending." Ensign distanced himself from Dole's 15% tax-cut proposal, saying the plan "may hurt overall tax reform." During the debate, Coffin pledged not to accept campaign donations until a year before the election. With the exception of Coffin, all the candidates advocated elimination of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

*Teresa*

Ensign announced earlier this month that he will return all campaign contributions from people affiliated with DeLuca Liquor and Wine Ltd. if they were given in violation of federal laws. Ensign said financial records showed only one contribution from a DeLuca executive, but about a total of \$10,000 in contributions from companies that may have been related. The Kansas City Star reported that DeLuca gave seven or eight workers \$5,000 as an allowance to make political and charitable contributions. Paying workers to make political donations is a violation of campaign law.

According to an internal poll conducted for 1st Congressional District nominee Bob Coffin, he is leading Ensign in the November general election by a small margin. The poll was conducted September 4 - 5 and surveyed 400 likely district voters. The poll found:

#### GENERAL ELECTION

Coffin 48%  
Ensign 45%

House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R) was in Las Vegas in May appearing at a fundraiser on behalf of Ensign. The fundraiser raised \$70,000 for Ensign's campaign. House Majority leader Richard Armey (R-Texas) appeared at a fundraiser in June for Ensign as well.

**2nd Congressional District.** Rep. Vucanovich represents the 2nd congressional district which is comprised of northern Nevada including the state capitol of Carson City. Vucanovich announced late last year she will retire from Congress.

Generating the most interest in Nevada's primary election this year was the race for the 2nd Congressional District seat, which covers all of Nevada except for the Las Vegas area. Three Democrats and seven Republicans sought their party's nomination to replace Vucanovich. Former state Senator Thomas "Spike" Wilson (D) will face unsuccessful '94 gubernatorial nominee Jim Gibbons (R) in the November general election. Wilson defeated primary opponent Jessi Winchester, who gained national attention because she is a former prostitute, and political unknown Mike Martin. Immediately following the primary, Wilson announced he hopes to appeal in the general election both to voters among his own party and to Republicans in the heavily GOP Congressional District. He pledged that one of his main issues will be to work independently of party politics to resolve the gridlock on Capitol Hill.

Gibbons defeated six other candidates, including former Secretary of State Cheryl Lau and former state Treasurer Patty Cafferata, who is the daughter of Vucanovich. Vucanovich endorsed Gibbons immediately after the primary election. The results of the September 3rd primary are as follows:

## **2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

### **DEMOCRATS**

|            |      |
|------------|------|
| Wilson     | 62 % |
| Winchester | 21 % |
| Martin     | 17 % |

### **REPUBLICANS**

|           |      |
|-----------|------|
| Gibbons   | 42 % |
| Lau       | 24 % |
| Cafferata | 24 % |

Democratic state leaders, Governor Miller, Senator Bryan, Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa held a news conference Tuesday to criticize GOP opponent Gibbons. They appeared with Democratic congressional nominee Thomas "Spike" Wilson and denounced Gibbons' latest advertising tactics. The ad they criticize claims that Wilson "voted with the tax-and-spend Democrats 97% of the time" during his service in the state Senate, and say that Wilson, former chair of the Ethics Commission, "can't be trusted to do the right thing." Miller, who defeated Gibbons in the 1994 gubernatorial election, added that Gibbons took \$120,000 in illegal campaign donations during that campaign. Gibbons countered by saying that Wilson has run ads aimed at scaring senior citizens about the future of Medicare. Wilson pointed out that Gibbons also voted for tax increases during his time in the state Assembly.

House Majority Leader Arney returned to Las Vegas earlier this month and attended a \$1,000-a-person fundraiser for Gibbons.

According to a poll conducted for the 2nd Congressional District, Wilson has closed the gap against GOP opponent Gibbons. The poll was conducted for the Las Vegas Review-Journal and KLAS-TV in Las Vegas. The poll surveyed 400 district voters between September 29 - October 2. The poll found:

#### GENERAL ELECTION

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Gibbons   | 48% |
| Wilson    | 43% |
| Undecided | 9%  |

The National Council of Senior Citizens, with more than 800,000 members nationally and more than 2,000 in Nevada, endorsed Democratic congressional candidates Coffin and Wilson in the state's two congressional races.

#### LAS VEGAS MAYOR JAN LAVERTY JONES

During the 1992 Democratic presidential primary season, Jones first endorsed Senator Bob Kerrey (D-Nebraska) and contributed \$1,000 to his campaign. After Kerrey's departure from the campaign, Jones endorsed Paul Tsongas. Mayor Jones finally gave her support to President Clinton only after Tsongas withdrew from the primary.

Jones ran a spirited mayoral campaign in 1991, portraying herself as an aggressive corruption-buster and Nevada's leader on women's issues. Previously, Jones and her brother owned and managed seven well-known car dealerships throughout the state and Jones earned a reputation as a responsible CEO of a large and profitable company.

Despite her trouncing at the polls by Governor Miller in 1994, Jones was re-elected to a second term as Mayor of Las Vegas last May with 72% of the vote.

#### STATE LEGISLATURE

The state Assembly, which meets from January through June, is evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans, 21 - 21. Rep. Joseph E. Dini, Jr. (D) and Rep. Lynn Hettrick (R) are co-Speakers of the Assembly. Republicans control the state Senate, 13 - 8. Lieutenant Governor Lonnie Hammargren (R) serves as the state Senate President.

#### STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

The Nevada Democratic Party elected a new state chair, Jan Jenkins, last November. Although Jenkins brings to the state party a solid reputation as a competent organizer and is

an ally of Governor Miller, the state party has been viewed over the past several years as weak and ineffective. Because of the weak state party structure, the state's leading Democrats, including Governor Miller and Senators Reid and Bryan, have not had much interest in its day-to-day operations. However, since Jenkins' election, renewed interest has come from Governor Miller to strengthen the party and revive its infrastructure. Negotiations are ongoing to identify a strong state party executive director who can engage the party in the technical aspect of the 1996 coordinated campaign effort.

Senator Christopher Dodd (D-Connecticut) visited Las Vegas last week for a fundraiser and series of appearances on behalf of the Coordinated Campaign and Democratic congressional candidates.

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Laura,

Tom Flagg asked me to give you the following information.

Former President Jimmy Carter lectured at UNLV on April 14, 1988.

Former President Gerald Ford lectured at UNLV on February 8, 1988.

President George Bush jogged around the UNLV track one day. We don't have an exact date, but it probably was in '91 or '92.

President Clinton was on campus in <sup>June</sup>~~April~~ of this year. Also, as a candidate, he held a rally here on October 23, 1992.

And, as you know, First Lady Hillary Clinton has been on our campus previously. It was not a university event, but she was on campus to talk to an invited group about health care.

Hope this helps.

*Diane Russell*  
Diane Russell

Contact: Tom Flagg 895-0893

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The University of Nevada, Las Vegas, was officially established in 1957 with the construction of Maude Frazier Hall. Through hard work and determination, civic leaders and community members helped form a center of academic excellence in Southern Nevada for generations to come.

Despite its short history, UNLV has seen dramatic growth in all areas. More than 137 graduate and undergraduate programs are now offered to a student body of nearly 20,000. More than 600 faculty members teach on the 335-acre campus.

With the expansion of graduate programs, UNLV has hired top faculty researchers from around the country--and is attracting top students.

With an annual budget of some \$150 million, UNLV has an economic impact of more than a quarter of a billion dollars in Clark County, which translates to almost 5,000 additional jobs over and above the direct employment of the university.

UNLV's programs are fully accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, and many programs, such as

engineering, business administration, and accounting, are accredited by their professional organizations as well.

More than 30 research centers focus on topics of importance to the state and region.

Campus researchers are active in such areas as business, life sciences, physical sciences, the environment, social services, social sciences, technology, and education.

More than 3,000 students are enrolled in a rapidly expanding Graduate College, which includes numerous master's degree programs and Ph.D.s in English, sociology, history, civil engineering, hospitality administration, environmental biology, and computer science, and Ed.D.s in five areas.

UNLV became the home of the \$10 million National Supercomputing Center for Energy and the Environment in 1990 when a Cray Y-MP supercomputer was installed in the Thomas T. Beam Engineering Complex.

The school's beautifully landscaped campus, which is designated a state arboretum, is located in the metropolitan area south of the City of Las Vegas. Its academic colleges include Business and Economics, Fine and Performing Arts, Education, the Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering; Health Sciences; the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration; Liberal Arts; Science and Mathematics; Human Performance and Development; Architecture, Construction Management, and Planning; and the Graduate College. The Grenspun School of Communication and the School of Social Work offer specialized programs.

UNLV is known to have winning sports teams. Its Runnin'

Rebels were the 1990 NCAA National Champions in basketball, and its golf, soccer, women's softball, and other teams have been very successful, both regionally and nationally.

UNLV students have done equally well in other areas. For example, the UNLV Jazz Ensemble won the 1990 national championship at a festival sponsored by "Down Beat" magazine, and the debate and forensic team is consistently ranked among the best in the country. Computer science, engineering, and other student teams have also done well in regional and national competitions.

The University is considered a cultural hub of the Southern Nevada community. Musical, dramatic, dance, and artistic groups of the University and perform for campus and community audiences. The Charles Vanda Master Series brings in premier musical and dance performers from around the world each year, and the Marjorie Barrick Lecture Series presents talks by national and international figures.

UNLV has added numerous new buildings in the past few years, including the a 165,000-square-foot Classroom Building Complex, the Robert L. Bigelow Physics Building, the Student Services Complex, seven new residence halls and a dining commons, the Rod Lee Bigelow Health Sciences Building, a substantial addition to the fine arts building, and public safety and student health centers. Other buildings, like the student union, have been renovated. Construction will begin soon on an architecture

building and a new library is currently in the architectural planning stage.

The support of the University by the Nevada Legislature and the state's taxpayers is evident. Private donors also contribute greatly to UNLV's physical growth and academic excellence, donating millions each year.

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Located on a 335-acre campus in dynamic Southern Nevada, UNLV is in the process of becoming a premier urban university. With nearly 20,000 students, more than 600 faculty members, and 139 undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degree programs, UNLV is committed to offering a high-quality educational experience, strong research programs housed in modern facilities, and selected professional programs.

In addition to those students who enroll in classes for academic credit, another 15,000 people who wish to continue their educations, add professional skills, or simply enrich their lives enroll in extended education classes at UNLV each year.

A solid liberal arts core curriculum lies at the heart of UNLV's educational philosophy and provides a common experience for all students who earn their undergraduate degrees at the university. UNLV is internationally known as the leader in hotel administration education and is respected for its physics, business, engineering, computer science, biological science, environmental studies, and performing arts programs. Planning is under way for a law school. Pending legislative approval in 1997, plans call for the first law students to be enrolled in 1998.

More than 30 research centers focus on topics of importance to the state and region. Campus researchers are active in such areas as business (the Business and Economic Research Center, the UNLV International Gaming Institute, the Institute for Insurance and Risk

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Management), life sciences (the Exercise Physiology, Motor Behavior, and Muscle Metabolism labs); the environment (Harry Reid Center for Environmental Studies, the National Supercomputing Center for Energy and the Environment), social services (the Client Services Center, the School Refusal Clinic, the Parent/Family Wellness Center); social sciences (the Howard W. Cannon Center for Survey Research, the Southwestern Social Science Research Center); technology (the Transportation Research Center, the centers for Energy Research and Information Sciences Research); and education (the Centers for Learning, Educational Assessment, and Remediation, and the Reading Center and Clinic).

The university is integral to the city's cultural environment. Dozens of musical, dramatic, dance, and artistic groups have been formed under the auspices of the university and perform regularly for campus and community audiences. Each year a number of popular stage and screen performers and recording artist from every music category are featured in concert on the stages of the university's three events centers.

Many other campus activities are scheduled for students and the general public. The Consolidated Students government (CSUN) sponsors film series, lecture series, dances, intramural athletics, concerts, and special events throughout the year. *The Rebel Yell*, a student newspaper, UNLV-TV, a campus and public affairs television station, and KUNV-FM, a nonprofit radio station, serve the campus.

The university has excellent sports facilities for use by students. The Paul McDermott Center has a 50-meter Olympic swimming pool, two gymnasiums, handball/racquetball courts, dance studios, gymnastics and weight-training rooms. The indoor facilities are complimented by

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tracks, a variety of playing fields and the world-class Frank and Vicki Fertitta Tennis Complex. The new Lied Athletic Complex is one of the premier sports facilities in the county. The \$8.5 million, 65,000-square-foot structure was built entirely with private funding. It contains state-of-the-art strength and conditioning rooms and equipment, locker and meeting rooms, and the Si Redd Training facility, which provides daily on-site medical service for student athletes.

As Southern Nevada grows, UNLV will continue to grow with it. Before the new century arrives UNLV will open a new architecture building. Planning is also under way for a law school and a \$40 million library. In fact, a campus-wide planning effort begun in mid-1995 is setting the university's direction for the next decade.

UNLV is a member of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the Council of Graduate Schools in the United States, the Western Association of Graduate Schools, the American Council on Education, and the Western College Association. In addition to full accreditation by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, the university is recognized by the Nevada State Department of Education for preparation in all fields for which it conducts programs.

October 21, 1996

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE FIRST LADY**

**FROM: CRAIG SMITH AND RAY MARTINEZ**

**SUBJECT: NEVADA POLITICS**

**1992 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULTS**

| <u>Nevada</u> |         |     | <u>Las Vegas</u> |        |     |
|---------------|---------|-----|------------------|--------|-----|
| Clinton       | 189,148 | 37% | Clinton          | 98,700 | 43% |
| Bush          | 175,828 | 34% | Bush             | 70,440 | 31% |
| Perot         | 132,580 | 26% | Perot            | 55,964 | 24% |

**NEVADA AT A GLANCE...**

- 1994 estimated population in Nevada is 1,457,000, which is up 21.2% from 1990: this makes Nevada the 38th largest state, and one of the fastest growing in the country.
- Nevada is still 12% rural; 11% of state residents are 65 years of age and over.
- 84% of Nevada citizens are white; 10% Hispanic; 7% African American; 3% Asian-American and 2% Native American.
- In the 1994 mid-term elections, only 35% of the voting age population (VAP) participated.
- 43% of Nevada's registered voters in 1994 identified themselves as Democrats and 43% identified themselves as Republican. Another 15% identified themselves as unaffiliated, independent or with minor parties.
- Current political line-up: Governor Bob Miller (D), Lieutenant Governor Lonnie Hammargren (R), Secretary of State Dean Heller (R), Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa (D), Treasurer Robert L. Seale (R), and Controller Darrell Daines (R).

## **URBAN STATISTICS**

| City      | Population |                                     |
|-----------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Las Vegas | 258,204    | Mayor Jan Lavery-Jones (D)          |
| Reno      | 133,850    | Mayor Peter J. Sferrazza (N-P)      |
| Paradise  | 124,682    | County Commissioner Karen Hayes (D) |

## **POLITICAL LANDSCAPE**

Nevada's liberal gambling laws and high influx of newcomers gives this state a unique political landscape. The 6.4 percent gambling receipts tax has generated enough revenue to spare Nevada residents much taxation, while bolstering the state's economy throughout the 1992 recession. With America's fastest growing population, Nevada has historically had a politically volatile electorate. The vast majority of Nevada's 1.47 million residents live in Clark County, which encompasses the Las Vegas area (pop. 880,000).

Politically, Nevada has sent mixed signals over the past two decades. Historically, it was Democratic, sending politically shrewd Democrats to Washington to protect the interests of a state always heavily dependent on the federal government. In the 1980's however, the state trended sharply Republican, while in the 1990's, the picture has been decidedly mixed. Although President Clinton carried the state and Democratic Senators Harry Reid and Richard Bryan were re-elected, Nevada elected two Republicans to the U.S. House and the parties split the top statewide offices.

The abortion issue divides Nevada's top Democrats. Senator Richard Bryan and Mayor Jan Lavery-Jones are pro-choice; Senator Harry Reid and Governor Bob Miller, a Roman Catholic, are anti-choice. A referendum ("Question 7") protecting a woman's right to have an abortion in Nevada passed with 63 percent of the vote in 1990. Governor Miller, despite his strong advocacy against abortion, nevertheless signed the petition placing "Question 7" on the ballot.

## **PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO NEVADA**

The President visited the state for the first time since taking office in June. He attended a roundtable discussion on juvenile crime at the University of Nevada Las Vegas and later attended a rally at the airport.

The Vice President and Mrs. Gore have visited the state in recent months. Vice President Gore addressed the National Association of Broadcasters in mid-April of this year, while Mrs. Gore visited a homeless shelter and attended a Women's Conference on behalf of Senator Harry Reid (D) in May. Mrs. Gore also visited the state in September, attending the United

Food Commercial Worker's (UFCW) Network where she gave the keynote address and also participated in a roundtable discussion at the Citibank Child Care Center with women employees.

### **RECENT PRESIDENTIAL POLLS**

According to the latest Presidential poll, President Clinton and GOP Presidential nominee Bob Dole are in a dead heat in the November general election. The poll was conducted for the Las Vegas Review-Journal, KOLO-TV in Reno, and KLAS-TV in Las Vegas surveyed 804 likely voters statewide. The poll was conducted September 28 - October 1 and found:

#### **GENERAL ELECTION**

|           |      |
|-----------|------|
| Clinton   | 43 % |
| Dole      | 43 % |
| Perot     | 4 %  |
| Undecided | 10 % |

### **1996 PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY**

**GOP Travel.** GOP Presidential nominee Bob Dole made a campaign stop in Las Vegas in mid-September. Dole appeared at a rally at the MGM Grand Hotel. Dole also appeared at a GOP fundraiser. Dole last campaigned in Las Vegas on March 23, three days before the GOP Presidential primary. During Dole's visit, Governor Miller asked him where he stands on Idaho Senator Larry Craig's (R) bill to locate a temporary nuclear waste dump in Nevada. Miller said in a letter to Dole that Nevadans "have a right to know where all candidates stand on this critical issue." Dole did not address the issue while in the state. Nevada's GOP Congressmen warned House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R) that if he brought Craig's bill to a vote, both of them would be defeated in November on a measure that would never take effect anyway because of President Clinton's veto threat.

Vice Presidential nominee Jack Kemp has visited the state twice during the campaign season. Kemp made a brief stop at Lake Tahoe in early September. He did not participate in any public events, however. Departing at the airport, Kemp announced that he supports recent federal legislation establishing a national commission to study the gaming industry. Kemp also attacked President Clinton's handling of federal land-use issues, saying the government must allow private business more access to the land.

Kemp visited the state last week where he attended a fundraiser and a public rally in Las Vegas. Kemp's visit to the state prompted Governor Miller to challenge Kemp to take a stand on the issue of a nuclear waste dump in Nevada. Kemp said any decision on a permanent

waste dump in Nevada should be based on science and security, rather than politics. Nevada Democrats extracted a promise from President Clinton that he would veto any such bill. State political leaders are strongly opposed to the placement of the dump at the site, 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

Robin Dole appeared in Las Vegas last month at a luncheon in the Rio Hotel casino hosted by County Commissioner Lorraine Hunt (R) and other prominent GOP women. At the luncheon, she discussed national issues and said those who believe the American economy is strong are deluding themselves.

**Endorsements.** The state's largest police organization has endorsed Clinton/Gore '96, saying that President Clinton has delivered on crime-fighting promises. Las Vegas metro officer Andy Anderson, president of the 2,500 member Nevada Conference of Police and Sheriffs, praised President Clinton for adding more police to the streets, banning assault weapons and providing more funding for battered women's shelters and drug awareness programs. The endorsement was announced during GOP Presidential nominee Bob Dole's swing through Las Vegas last month.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal has endorsed Dole in the November general election. The newspaper cited Dole's ideological stands over President Clinton.

### **1996 DEMOCRATIC CAUCUSES RESULTS**

Nevada Democrats held their precinct caucuses throughout the state in Mid-March. Turnout was as expected: low but decidedly pro-Clinton. Clinton/Gore '96 contacts were on hand at all precinct caucuses to let everyone know that we have a strong presence in the state. State Democrats decided against participating in a late March Presidential Preference vote-by-mail primary since you were the only Democratic candidate listed on the ballot.

Nevada's precinct caucuses are the first step in the delegate selection process. On April 19th, Nevada Democrats reconvened at their state convention and chose the actual delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

In Clark County (Las Vegas), Clinton/Gore received 95% support from Democratic caucus participants. Overall, statewide results were 95% for Clinton/Gore.

### **GOP PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY RESULTS**

Nevada Republicans held their first-ever Presidential preference vote-by-mail primary on March 26. At stake in the primary were 14 GOP delegates in a winner-take-all contest. The Secretary of State's office reported that 51% of the state's 291,000 registered GOP voters cast

ballots in the vote-by-mail primary. Listed in the results was Nevada's unique "None" option which placed fourth in the final GOP Presidential results.

Official results of the GOP primary held on March 26th are as follows:

|           |        |     |
|-----------|--------|-----|
| Dole      | 72,930 | 52% |
| Forbes    | 27,062 | 19% |
| Buchanan  | 21,320 | 15% |
| None      | 12,026 | 9%  |
| Alexander | 3,289  | 3%  |
| Keyes     | 1,999  | 1%  |
| Gramm     | 745    | 1%  |
| Lugar     | 464    | 1%  |
| Taylor    | 94     | 1%  |

### **GOVERNOR BOB MILLER**

Governor Miller was one of the campaign's earliest supporters in the 1992, and is largely credited with helping secure victory. The 1992 Presidential victory in Nevada marked the first time a Democratic presidential nominee has carried the state since Lyndon Johnson in 1964.

After being elected Lieutenant Governor in 1986, Miller became Governor upon Richard Bryan's election to the U.S. Senate in 1988. Miller was elected Governor on his own in 1990. In the 1994 primary, despite a soaring economy, Miller faced serious opposition from Las Vegas Mayor Jan Laverty-Jones (D). Jones attacked Miller for being too cozy with the gaming industry and for not doing enough about crime. Yet, Governor Miller won the primary by a whopping 63% - 32%.

(Although the relationship between Miller and Jones remains severely strained, they recently made a private attempt at patching-up their differences which appears to be working. Before President Clinton's June visit Governor Miller personally invited Mayor Laverty-Jones to join him in welcoming the President to Nevada.)

In the 1994 general election, Miller trounced lawyer and airline pilot Jim Gibbons (who is running against Spike Wilson for the U.S. House this year) by a 53% - 41% margin. Miller will be term-limited in 1998.

During his tenure, Miller has been concerned about issues such as education, workers' compensation reform and welfare. With a rising population, Nevada has an increasing need to build schools, and after making strides to meet this need, Miller is proud of reducing class size. But Miller has also held state spending down, and when he ran for re-election in 1994, he boasted that "...Nevada is the third lowest taxed state in the country, with a business climate rated near the top of the country."

Miller is currently the chair of the National Governors' Association (NGA).

According to poll results released last week by the Las Vegas Review-Journal, Miller received middle-of-the-road grades from Nevada voters in a poll to gauge his performance in office. The poll was conducted among 804 registered voters between September 29 - October 1. The poll showed:

| <u>JOB PERFORMANCE</u> | <u>Excellent/Good</u> | <u>Fair</u> | <u>Poor</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Miller                 | 54%                   | 32%         | 13%         |

Miller, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, is an attorney by occupation and served in the Air Force Reserve from 1967 - 73. He is married to Sandy Miller and has three children. In April, Miller underwent arthroscopic surgery to repair injuries to his right knee. Miller announced earlier this month he has become one of the 317,000 American men with prostate cancer; however, the Governor was quick to reassure voters that it will not affect his work, hoping to squelch rumors and speculation.

#### CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION/1996 HOUSE RACES

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Senator Harry Reid (D)          | Senator Richard H. Bryan (D) |
| Rep. Barbara Vucanovich (R-2nd) | Rep. John Ensign (R-1st)     |

**Senator Reid**, who is serving his second term, won re-election to the Senate over Demar Dahl in 1992 with 52% of the vote. Reid, who has held high office in Nevada for most of the past 25 years, looks mild-mannered but has proven he can be tough. Reid combines a moderate to liberal voting record with a strong partisan commitment, tempered by a willingness to seek bipartisan solutions on occasion. He is anti-choice and was the first Democratic Senator to support President George Bush (R) on the Gulf war resolution.

**Senator Bryan**, won election to the Senate in 1988 and won re-election again in 1994, defeating his opponent by a healthy 51% to 41% margin. Bryan has either been Governor or Senator now for over 14 years. Bryan's record has been middle-of-the-road in the Senate. He voted for the Gulf war resolution and against the Clarence Thomas Supreme Court nomination. He also voted for the balanced budget amendment in 1995, and against President Clinton's budget package in 1993 (because of retroactive taxes and taxes on restaurants and tourism.) Bryan's re-election in 1994 saw him positioning himself as an independent, and he out spent his opponent by a margin of more than 3 to 1.

**1st Congressional District.** Rep. Ensign was elected to his first term in 1994. Ensign defeated Rep. James Bilbray (D) in the bitter general election by a less-than 1400 vote margin. Ensign came to office with almost no political or government experience, although the Ensign family does own the Gold Strike Hotel, one of the first gambling hotels in Las Vegas. Ensign will face Democratic challenger, state Senator Bob Coffin, in the November general election.