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- I. Every tax dollar is precious. They come from the hard work and toil of our citizens. It is our responsibility to make sure each dollar is spent for the maximum public benefit or that dollar should remain with the tax payer.
- II. Property tax is the most sacred tax dollar because it is paid directly by Nevadans—Nevadan's who own property and have a vested stake in this state. As you know, most of the property tax is dedicated to specific beneficial use under the management of the state's local governments and their agencies.
- III. The taxes used to support redevelopment are an example of how policy makers can creatively allocate tax resources to maximize benefit and minimize burden. Rather than raising taxes to dedicate resources toward blighted and needy urban areas, redevelopment uses tax increment financing. Increment financing assumes a base year of tax, and any increment over that base year is to be dedicated toward redevelopment.
- IV. It is important to note that this tax dollar is not a new tax dollar. This is a dollar that we as policy makers have said should go to "redevelopment" and not to the customary entities that use property tax OR NOT back to the tax payer.
- V. This committee knows I have been a vocal critic of tax rebates, deferrals, and abatements. I believe that we should not be "bribing" businesses to come to Nevada with tax dollars, we should fortify our physical and social infrastructure to make businesses want to come to Nevada. Good schools, a good University system, sound and humane social programs, and responsible government should be enough to attract industry to our beautiful state.

However, there is a very competitive environment among states to attract industry and Nevada should have every tool available to be competitive. That is why the state has the Commission on Economic Development. They review requests that businesses make for tax abatements and deferrals. The state used to arbitrarily give these away to any business that seemed