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May 6, 2003

In regard to: SB 192

Madam Chairperson, Vonne Chowning
Assembly Transportation Committee
Nevada State Legislature

Dear Madam Chairman:

My name is Barry Jones and I am the owner of Carson Valley Movers. First I would like to state that I am in favor of SB 192. There is an issue I would like to see addressed in the bill.

Simply put, the general public by and large does not know that household goods movers are required by Nevada law to be fully regulated carriers, as that term is defined in NRS 706.072. Consequently, members of the general public continue to put at risk their most valuable possessions, including priceless heirlooms, expensive electronic equipment, antiques, and other perishable commodities by placing them in the hands of illegal carriers. For this reason, I think it is vitally important for the Transportation Services Authority to be authorized by this legislature to create and administer a public awareness campaign. I understand that dollars are short, especially this year; but the TSA should be able to work with the Department of Business and Industry to create public service announcements for radio and television, many of which will run free on those stations. Perhaps they can even get the phone book to include a **WARNING** in bold type that **ONLY COMPANIES PROPERLY CERTIFICATED BY THE TSA ARE AUTHORIZED TO TRANSPORT HOUSEHOLD GOODS IN THE STATE OF NEVADA AND THAT ANYONE USING ANY OTHER MOVING SERVICE IS DOING SO AT GREAT RISK.**

I do understand that if SB 192 is defeated there will be no fees collected whatsoever; however, if SB 192 created a mechanism, even through an additional mill assessment on us authorized carriers, to fund a portion of the public service announcements, the well-being of the traveling and shipping public in Nevada would be greatly enhanced. Therefore, I am

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willing to support a bill that would phase in funding to the 15% level (of the overall TSA budget) over a period of perhaps five years, 3% at a time.

My concerns with this bill are that the TSA be able to enforce this law. From what I am told, and have experienced, there are not enough enforcement officers in northern Nevada. It is vital that one more position be added to the north and that the Attorney General's office works with the TSA to make sure the law can and will be enforced. It would also be nice if the two offices (north and south) of the TSA could work together, as needed, by sending manpower either way.

My interest in this bill is for my business and the public. I believe this is a nationwide problem and perhaps Nevada could set a precedent for the country. The statutes state that certificated movers must be fit, willing and able to meet the public convenience and necessity. An illegal mover does not meet these requirements and appears to ignore the law in front of us. I should not have to pick up the pieces when a customer contacts me regarding a bad move by explaining the difference between a **certificated mover** and a **loading-and-unloading service**. This should be a fact known by the general public.

My business also suffers lost revenue to noncertificated movers in many ways. For example, their advertising in the phone book often states that they are cheaper because they don't charge from port to port. This allows them to offer a lower price because they don't follow any tariff or set rules like we do. This legislation should be designed to help crack down on these illegal operators and help the public make an informed choice.

I have one additional suggestion for inclusion in this bill. It is that yellow pages directories be required to separate full-service, or properly certificated, fully regulated household goods carriers from loading-and-unloading services. In other words, it would be a misdemeanor, punishable by a severe fine, for any noncertificated mover or loading service to advertise in the area of the yellow pages reserved for properly certificated household goods movers. It may be well to impose misdemeanor liability on the yellow pages operators, as well, for any willful violation of the law.

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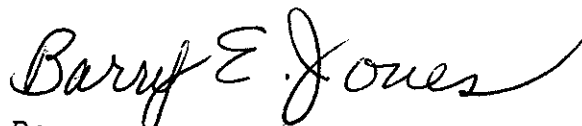
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I urge the passage of SB 192 with the amendments to which I have testified.

Thank you for all your hard work.

Respectfully,



Barry Jones, Owner
Carson Valley Movers

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