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Dear Assemblyman Manendo:

This is in response to a request from Eric Andelore of your office, to provide information in support of a .08 BAC Per Se limit for drunk driving offenses.

The federal law enacted by Congress and the President in 2000 established .08 BAC as the national standard and would withhold federal-aid highway funds from States that do not have .08 BAC laws. Beginning in Federal Fiscal Year 2004, on October 1, 2003, this would be an estimated \$2.8 Million dollars withheld from Nevada if such a .08 BAC was not in effect.

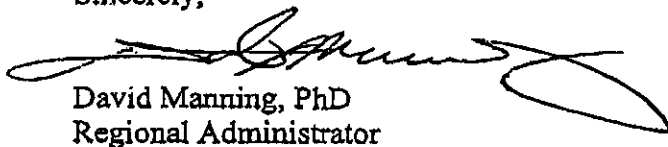
From FFY-1998 through FFY-2003, Congress appropriated additional Section 163 Incentive Grant Funds for States with .08 BAC laws. If Nevada's law became effective on July 1, the State could qualify for an additional grant this year, estimated at between \$250,000 and \$500,000 which can be used for anti-drunk driving traffic safety programs.

NHTSA estimates a reduction of six to nine per cent in alcohol-related traffic fatalities under a .08 BAC law, based on experience in other States. In Nevada this would mean 8 to 12 less alcohol-related traffic fatalities per year. NHTSA's study on the Economic Costs of Motor Vehicle Crashes estimates the total societal cost of each traffic fatality to be almost \$1 Million. So a reduction of between 8 and 12 fatalities per year in Nevada would save taxpayers and insurance ratepayers an estimated \$8 to \$12 Million per year in Nevada.

Experience in other States has not shown any significant additional costs to State or local government from implementing a .08 BAC limit, as opposed to the previous .10 BAC limit.

We hope this information is helpful to the Nevada Legislature.

Sincerely,


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