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NEVADA WELL OWNERS ASSOCIATION

MISSION STATEMENT

The Nevada Well Owners Association is a non-profit organization which seeks to protect well owners' rights and to educate well owners about their rights and responsibilities, particularly in respect to water conservation. The NWOA seeks to maintain the rural lifestyle, assure freedom of choice and equal protection under the law, to promote conservative water use, and to protect the precious groundwater resource in Nevada.

Jon C. Porter

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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 24, 2003

Assemblyman Tom Collins
Legislative Building
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701-4747

Dear Assemblyman Collins,

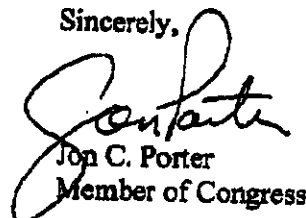
I am writing today to voice my support for amendments you are proposing to legislation that I authored and passed during the 1999 session of the Nevada Legislature. It is my sincere hope that your colleagues will look favorably upon the changes being set forth.

As you well know, Senate Bill 391 pertained to land use planning, and among other things, provided for the establishment of provisions to preserve the rural character and density of certain rural areas in larger counties. It is my understanding that you seek to amend Sec. 8. 2, by inserting "on one side of a rural preservation area" so that the section would read: "Unless a rural preservation neighborhood is located within 330 feet of an existing or proposed street or highway that is more than 99 feet wide on one side of a rural preservation area". This is a necessary clarification that I fully support.

You are also addressing another important issue with respect to SB 391. Section 36. 8 stipulates that the provisions contained in section 8 of the act will expire on June 1, 2004. You are seeking to strike the sunset provision, and ensure that the rural character of rural preservation neighborhoods will continue to be preserved in the future. I wholeheartedly support eliminating the sunset provision included in the original bill.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,



Jon C. Porter
Member of Congress