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Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee.

For the record, my name is Karen Winchell, Program Manager, and this is Dawn Lietz, Tax Administrator, for the Motor Carrier Section, Department of Motor Vehicles. It is my pleasure to present Senate Bill 471.

This Bill is the result of a cooperative effort between the DMV and Nevada's Fuel Industry. I would like to take a moment to thank Peter Krueger, Nevada Petroleum Marketers Association; Daryl Capurro, Nevada Motor Transport Association; Neena Laxalt, Nevada Propane Dealers Association; and the Motor Carrier Team for their assistance and dedication to the development of this Bill.

Through SB471, the Department expects to standardize fuel tax laws and to provide consistency in reporting requirements for Motor Fuels and Special Fuels.

The primary changes in the bill are:

1. Requiring Exporters and Transporters to be licensed prior to operating in Nevada. Currently, they are simply required to report on a monthly basis. This change will enhance our efforts to detect evasion as it will close a gap in

the reporting of the inflow and outflow of fuel in Nevada.

2. Increasing the amount of time to be audited from 3 - 4 years to be in compliance with the International Fuel Tax Agreement, of which Nevada is a member.

3. Allowing a reduced reporting period for Propane Dealers in order to simplify the process and encourage the use of alternative fuels in Nevada.

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4. Extending the time to request a Motor Fuel Tax Refund from 6 - 12 months and reducing the time period for requesting a Special Fuel Tax Refund from 36 - 12 months. This will allow the Department to attribute a refund of fuel tax to the year in which the revenue was received, providing a clearer picture of Nevada's overall net revenues.

5. Specifying the registered owner and the operator of a vehicle found to be using dyed diesel illegally are jointly responsible for the use of that fuel; and

6. Specifying a supplier or dealer is not entitled to a 2% collection allowance of the tax collected if a return is filed late or if the tax is paid late.

I'd be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.