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May 5, 2003

Chairman Mike McGinnis  
Senate Tax Committee Chairman  
Nevada State Senate  
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: AB 355

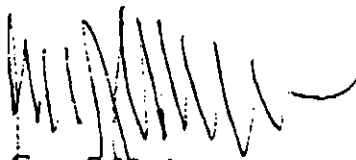
Dear Senator McGinnis

We are operators of commercial helicopter companies in southern Nevada and are writing to you today regarding Assembly Bill 355 as proposed by Assemblywoman Chris Giunchigliani. As operators, we are supportive of Assemblywoman Giunchigliani's efforts to incent commercial operators on a voluntary basis to move their operations to a preferred airport location by offering personal property tax exemptions.

We do however, have questions regarding recent amendments to the legislation while it was in the Assembly Government Affairs Committee whereby Section 3 of the amendment requires the board of county commissioners of each county over 400,000 residents to establish noise guidelines for commercial helicopters. Our concern is that this legislation has been characterized as being incentive in nature, and the late addition of the requirement for the creation of a noise committee, if we are interpreting the amendment properly, goes directly against the incentive nature of the legislation and we would be opposed to that provision.

We appreciate your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,



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