



Office of the Governor

JIM GIBBONS
GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Members of the Senate and Assembly
Seventy-Fifth Legislative Session
Legislative Building
401 South Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Honorable Members of the Senate and Assembly,

Recently the United States House of Representatives introduced the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the much discussed and anticipated federal stimulus package that provides funds directly to states. Both Legislative leadership and I have been in contact with our federal delegation to discuss the dire straits we face in Nevada, and this bill shows great promise for the partial or full reversal of many of the difficult but otherwise necessary spending reductions we are currently discussing. Preliminary indications suggest that the overall impact on the state budget may be as high as \$1.3 billion with significant allocations for education, FMAP and infrastructure.

My budget office is currently examining the specifics of the bill. Assuming the bill is passed by the Congress and signed by the President, my administration will immediately present a supplemental to the budget with recommendations on the reversal of appropriate spending reductions.

I look forward to working with you on how the bill can be utilized to best supplement critical services and provide jobs to the people of Nevada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Gibbons".

Jim Gibbons
Governor