



Office of the Governor

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President Barack Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

I recently learned that you will be attending a political fundraiser in Las Vegas in May for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

The economic downturn has been devastating to the economy of Nevada and, particularly devastating to the economy in Las Vegas. State revenues have been shrinking at an alarming rate and businesses that have been here in our state for years are closing their doors because of the ripple effects that have impacted Nevada's tourism industry.

Nevada has the best hotels, state of the art meeting and convention facilities, restaurants and entertainment in the world and we are proud to host some of the most prestigious meetings and conventions in the world. Nevada is not only a place to have fun, we are also a place where people from around the world conduct business.

Mr. President, while you are in Las Vegas, I would like to schedule a meeting with you, and if possible, include key business leaders in our state to discuss how we can get our tourism industry back on track in Nevada with the support of the federal government to urge Americans to consider America first when they plan their vacations or business meetings.

I look forward to a positive response from you and also look forward to your visit to the great state of Nevada.

Kindest Regards,

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

Jim Gibbons
Governor of Nevada