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The Honorable Jim Gibbons
Governor of Nevada
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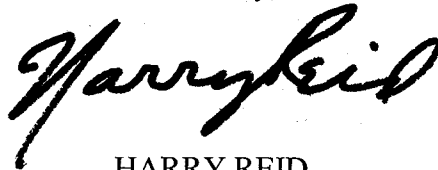
Dear Governor Gibbons,

There is a proposal to dramatically increase the amount of California garbage that gets dumped in Nevada. A San Francisco-based company wants to dump 4,000 tons of California garbage, hauled five days a week, into Humboldt County for the next 95 years. If the reports are accurate, the proposed Jungo Road landfill would accept 20,000 tons per week, or about 1 million tons annually, eventually creating a mile-square mountain of trash the height of a 20-story building.

I urge you to direct the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) and all other relevant parts of the State government to use every available authority to block this threat to Nevada's sovereignty and dignity. NDEP should deny the proposed dump all environmental permits thus protecting residents of Winnemucca and Humboldt County and the playa. The potential site is in an active seismic impact zone and, given that fact, no engineered liners or barriers will adequately protect the uppermost aquifer which would be less than 100 feet from the bottom of the dump.

Thank you for your attention to my request. Please contact me or have your staff contact mine if there is anything I can help the State do to find other economic development opportunities in and near Winnemucca which don't require creating an unnecessary environmental and public health hazard that will last for generations.

Sincerely,



HARRY REID
Majority Leader