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President / CEO

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The Honorable Dean Heller  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Heller,

On behalf of the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority (RTAA), I am writing today to express our support for the JOLT Act, a bill that can have wide-ranging benefits for northwestern Nevada.

It goes without saying that tourism is incredibly important to the Reno-Tahoe region. While the RTAA has seen a 5.6% year-over-year increase in the number of passengers, we are focusing much of our attention on attracting more international visitors. To that end, in July of this year, we served a total of 2,402 international passengers, but we don't want to stop there. The RTAA is aggressively pursuing expanded service to Mexico and new flight options to other international locations. So the introduction of the JOLT Act could not have come at a more opportune time.

As we aim to increase the number of international tourists, we believe that your legislation will help us do just that by doing things like enabling faster visa processing, making it easier for Canadian citizens to travel to the U.S. and allowing them to stay longer, decreasing wait times at Customs and Border Protection inspection points, and reforming the Visa Waiver Program (to become the Secure Travel Partnership Program).

Thank you, Senator Heller, for taking the lead on such an important issue to the state of Nevada in general and the Reno-Tahoe region specifically. We wholeheartedly endorse your JOLT Act and we look forward to working with you to ensure that this bill becomes law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marily Mora".

Marily Mora  
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