



October 1, 2015

The Honorable Dean Heller
United States Senator
324 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Heller:

On behalf of the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance (LVGEA), I would like to express my support for your introduction of the Jobs Originated through Launching Travel Act of 2015 (JOLT Act). The LVGEA believes that this legislation will boost Nevada's economy by facilitating greater leisure and business visitation and stimulating international investment in our community.

As you know, the tourism industry employs more than 450,000 Nevadans and is the base of Southern Nevada's regional economy. Increasingly, however, Southern Nevada is becoming a destination for foreign direct investment and international business. Foreign investors see the value proposition in doing business in Southern Nevada, but often, individuals encounter barriers when dealing with our nation's complex immigration system. That's why the JOLT Act is so important.

By streamlining efforts to increase both business and leisure travel to the United States, the JOLT Act can help Southern Nevada capture more international business and foreign investment, and it can support our region's number one industry, gaming and tourism, in the process. On behalf of the LVGEA, I'm pleased to offer my support for this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jonas Peterson', is written over a white background.

Jonas Peterson
President and CEO

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