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We, the undersigned members of the Nevada Senate Republican Caucus, seek to make it clear to those who negotiate and advocate for tax increases this session, whether those increases be new or the extension of the 2009 taxes set to sunset this year, that we remain firm in our opposition.

It is time for every level of government to accept our current economic reality. We cannot ask the citizens of this state, in a time when we lead the nation in unemployment, to pay more in taxes. They don't have it. We must encourage job creation, not saddle businesses with new or additional taxes.

The Senate Republican Caucus has been firm in our resolve since the first day of session. Since that time, the economic forum has increased the fiscal position of the state by over a quarter of a billion dollars. Additionally, the governor has had numerous add-backs that have significantly and beneficially impacted the budget.

Many people in the legislature have engaged in a process of crafting a budget that spends more money than exists in revenue.

We have had plenty of time to thoughtfully prioritize spending and live within our means. There is no reason to continue crafting a budget that state revenue cannot support. We should not wait until an unbalanced budget is vetoed; we should pass a balanced one now.

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