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State Senator Michael Roberson
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State Senator Roberson:

I was appalled by your conduct during the Senate Finance Committee yesterday. Your treatment of Nevada State Treasurer Dan Schwartz was an embarrassment to the Committee, the Nevada State Senate, the Nevada Legislature and to the State of Nevada. Your actions reminded me of a school-yard bully.

I realize you have political differences with Mr. Schwartz but that does not excuse your actions. Mr. Schwartz did nothing wrong besides disagreeing with your support of the largest tax increase in Nevada history. Yet you went out of your way to try and embarrass and belittle him and his ideas. Your actions were not political discourse, they were political theater designed to change the subject and disguise your support for policies that most Republicans would find repulsive.

Berating Mr. Schwartz did not enhance your arguments, they diminished them. The reports of this incident did nothing but diminish your credibility as the Senate Majority Leader and were beneath you. You say that you admire, and wish to emulate, the late Senator Bill Raggio, he would be ashamed by your actions yesterday.

I have been a criminal defense attorney in Las Vegas for over 25 years and most of my clients over the years have been more civil and respectful than you were yesterday. In the 2013 session of the Legislature you co-sponsored a bill on bullying in our classrooms and your actions yesterday were contrary to the ideals of Senate Bill 164. Was your support for that legislation a

purely political act? What kind of role model are you for our children when you bully someone that has the temerity to disagree with you.

Three of the four constitutional officers of the State of Nevada disagree with you and Governor on enacting the tax Mr. Schwartz opposes. Will you treat Controller Knecht and Attorney General Laxalt with the same lack of respect you showed Mr. Schwartz? Will your zealous defense of a type of tax the people of Nevada opposed by a four to one margin continue when others testify before you?

Is your slavish support of increasing the size of Nevada's state government payback to the lobbyists and political consultants that you surround yourself with? A little over four years ago you were elected as a conservative. Today you are legislating as a liberal, what has changed?

Your boorish behavior yesterday shows your true side and, for that, I am deeply embarrassed.

Yours very truly,
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