



SENATOR HARRY REID, MAJORITY LEADER WORKING HARD FOR NEVADA



During his time in Washington, Senator Reid has fought tirelessly to make Nevada an even better place to live by promoting economic development, investing in infrastructure, working to address the foreclosure crisis, investing in clean energy development, fighting the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump, delivering quality affordable health care, protecting social security, and ensuring the readiness of our military. Senator Reid has directed millions of dollars to the state in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, promoted our state's travel industry, ensured the completion of CityCenter, and provided assistance to distressed homeowners and Nevadans who are out of work. These efforts have not only saved thousands of jobs, but will spur thousands more. As the Senate Majority Leader, Senator Reid continues to support the short-term relief that Nevada's families need, as well as the long-term investments that ensure our state's economic revitalization.

Senator Reid Has a Long Record of Bringing Jobs to Nevada and Standing by Nevada's Workforce. Senator Reid has fought tirelessly to promote economic development in Nevada. Senator Reid has directed millions of dollars to the state in *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* (Recovery Act) funds, promoted our state's travel industry, and worked to promote Nevada as the nation's clean-energy leader. These efforts have not only created thousands of jobs, but will save thousands more. The Recovery Act alone created and saved 29,000 jobs, and included funding for the Build America Bonds Program to enable state and local government to pursue work on necessary capital projects. Senator Reid also has a long history of standing up for workers' rights. He led the passage of the *Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act* in the Senate, restoring civil rights protections for workers who face discrimination based on age, race, gender, national origin, religion, or disability.

Senator Reid Is Fighting to Create Jobs to Improve Nevada's and Our Nation's Economy. Senator Reid has been the state's biggest champion, providing assistance to homeowners and Nevadans who are out of work and lowering Nevada's tax burden. He fought for relief in the form of the Make Work Pay Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Earned Income Credit along with lowering taxes not

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only for Nevadans, but people across the country. Provisions within the Recovery Act will stimulate small business growth and enable first-time homebuyers to receive thousands of dollars in tax credits. As the Senate Majority Leader, Senator Reid continues to support the short-term relief that Nevada's families need, as well as the long-term investments that ensure our state's economic revitalization.

Senator Reid Is Fighting to Stop Foreclosures and Keep Nevadans in Their Homes. Nevada remains among the states hardest hit by the housing downturn and continues to lead the nation among foreclosure rates. Senator Reid has worked hard to keep this problem from growing by creating the Hope for Homeowners program at the Federal Housing Administration, amending the tax code, creating incentives for investment in the housing market, and providing billions of dollars in resources to housing counselors and local communities to help keep families in homes and stabilize communities. In response to Nevadans' complaints, Senator Reid urged Bank of America's CEO to allocate more resources to Nevada. Consequently, Bank of America set up a 1-800 hotline exclusively for Nevada homeowners who have a mortgage with Bank of America. Senator Reid has also worked hard to confront the housing crisis by ensuring Nevada receives assistance in establishing a number of federal foreclosure-prevention programs and providing tax relief for first-time homebuyers and homeowners that receive a principal reduction.

Senator Reid Is Championing Efforts to Make Nevada the Leader in Clean Energy. Senator Reid has an established track record of fighting to make Nevada the nation's clean energy leader through investments in renewables, transmission lines for renewables, and energy efficiency.

- Since 2000, Senator Reid has secured over \$100 million for Nevada-based projects to research and advance our nation's renewable energy and energy efficiency capabilities. Additionally, the Recovery Act provided over \$500 million for energy efficiency, renewable energy and weatherization projects in Nevada. Nevada's institutions of higher education, schools, counties and others are working to make Nevada the nation's renewable energy leader.
- Senator Reid is Helping Pioneer Renewable Energy Development on Public Lands in Nevada. In June 2009, Senator Reid joined Interior Secretary Salazar to announce the designation of 24 tracts of public lands in 6 western states as solar energy study areas. These study areas will allow for expedited review, coordinated environmental studies, and send a clear signal of the government's commitment to developing renewable energy.

Senator Reid Is Fighting for Nevada's Education System. As someone whose life was transformed by education, Senator Reid understands the importance of providing all Nevadans with the opportunity to receive a quality education. With high school dropout rates at crisis levels and per-pupil spending among the lowest in the country, Nevada has benefitted from Senator Reid's tireless efforts to provide more funding. The Recovery Act provided nearly half a billion dollars directly to Nevada's schools, including institutions of higher education. He has championed programs that will bring highly-qualified educators to Nevada and brought the state almost \$500,000 in funding for research. Senator Reid knows that the education dilemma must be resolved, and he is working to enact legislation that will bring some relief.

Senator Reid Has An Established Track Record of Fighting to Ensure All Nevadans Receive Quality, Affordable Health Coverage. Senator Reid has always made improving America's health care system a priority, from continuing to support funding to advance medical research to sponsoring legislation to dramatically improve women's access to health care. As Majority Leader, he has led efforts to stave off

Medicare cuts that would have hurt both providers and patients. He consistently introduced new legislation addressing the needs of those affected by disease and disability, working for those with ailments ranging from cancer to ALS. Putting Nevada first, Senator Reid secured millions of dollars in federal grants and funding for Nevada's health care programs and services.

- Senator Reid is the sponsor of bipartisan legislation that would improve access to women's health care, reduce the rate of unintended pregnancy and reduce abortions – all while saving taxpayer dollars. The *Prevention First Act* would improve access to contraception for low-income women, help to reduce the rate of teen pregnancy in Nevada, and end insurance discrimination against women by requiring health plans to cover prescription contraception to the same extent that they cover prescription drugs and other medical services.
- This Congress, Senator Reid led the Senate in passing landmark legislation to reform America's health insurance system. The *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* achieves comprehensive reform in a fiscally responsible manner. It will extend coverage to more than 600,000 uninsured Nevadans, close the Medicare "donut hole" for 328,000 Medicare beneficiaries in Nevada, prohibit insurance companies from discriminating and denying coverage to those who need it, all while lowering costs and improving quality of care.

Senator Reid Has Worked Tirelessly on Behalf of Nevada's Military and Veterans. Senator Reid has been a strong advocate for veterans in Nevada and around the country. During his time as leader, Senator Reid fought to increase pay raises for our servicemen and women, worked to extend health care coverage, and improved benefits for members of the National Guard and Reserve and their families. He has also sought to increase funding for veterans' health care programs on numerous occasions, given the increased need to support troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

- In recognition of their critical national security mission and unprecedented role in operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, Senator Reid repeatedly supported measures for expanding health care access to reservists and their families. Against Republican opposition, Senator Reid helped advance a bill in 2004 to extend the military's TRICARE health coverage to military reservists and their families during active duty, mobilization, and transition back to civilian life. In 2006, Reid voted to expand eligibility for TRICARE to all members of the Selected Reserve and their families. Senator Reid also supported a measure to reduce the eligibility age for reservists who served on active duty to receive retiree benefits.
- In 2005, lawmakers learned the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) was short \$1 billion for health care programs. That year, Senator Reid supported an additional \$1.5 billion for veterans' health care. In 2006, he supported a spending bill that boosted veterans' health programs by \$2.9 billion for fiscal year 2007. For fiscal year 2008, Senator Reid further augmented the budget for veterans' health programs by over \$2 billion, bringing the total to \$37.2 billion. Though the Bush Administration was reluctant to fully fund veterans' health benefits for fiscal year 2009, Senator Reid fought for \$41 billion for veterans' health programs, \$4.1 billion more than the prior year, and \$1.8 billion more than the administration requested.

Senator Reid Has Led the Fight to Kill Yucca Mountain. During the presidential campaign, then-Senator Barack Obama made clear that he was opposed to using Yucca Mountain as a nuclear waste repository. Keeping his promise to Senator Reid and all Nevadans, President Obama cut Yucca funding to an all time low in the

fiscal year (FY) 2010 budget, and the White House's FY2011 budget request completely eliminates all funding for the proposed Yucca Mountain project.

Senator Reid Supports Nevadans' Second Amendment Rights. Senator Reid has consistently voted to protect Nevadans' right to bear arms. He was one of the few Democrats to vote against the assault weapons ban in 1994 and again in 2004. In 2002 Senator Reid sponsored and passed legislation that granted 2,900 acres of land in Clark County for the development of the Clark County Shooting Park. This shooting park is the finest facility in the United States, and is capable of hosting local, national, and even international events. Senator Reid has also championed legislation to restore and preserve Nevada's rivers, lakes, and public lands so that Nevadans will always have a place to hunt and fish. As evidence of his work on these issues, NRA Vice President, Wayne LaPierre, recently celebrated Senator Reid as "a true champion of the Second Amendment."

Senator Reid Is Fighting to Make Sure Seniors Get the Social Security They Are Owed, and the Quality Care They Deserve. Senator Reid's record demonstrates his iron-clad commitment to protecting and strengthening Social Security, Medicare, and disability assistance. He refuses to support any measure that would weaken Social Security or threaten the retirement security of the many seniors in Nevada and around the country and has supported his stance by opposing unpopular and fiscally irresponsible legislation that would privatize Social Security. He has secured over \$1 billion for improvements to Social Security's infrastructure, including hundreds of thousands of dollars for meal programs in senior centers, job training, and employment assistance. Senator Reid spearheaded efforts to pass health care reform that includes specific rules to benefit seniors and prevent them from bearing the burden of high drug costs. Senator Reid has also worked hard to make sure that seniors have access to improved transportation, affordable housing, and other essential services.

Senator Reid Has Secured Billions of Dollars for Nevada Transportation Projects to Expand Roads, Reduce Congestion, and Improve Safety. Senator Reid has worked to direct Nevadans' hard earned federal tax dollars back to local communities to jump start transportation projects. The infusion of these federal funds will supplement state and local funds so that projects can be completed earlier. Senator Reid secured more than \$3 billion for Nevada transportation projects since 2000. In 2000, Nevada received \$152.2 million in federal transportation assistance and by 2009 our state had received \$344.9 million. As a result of Senator Reid's work on federal highway bills, Nevada has seen a 126% increase in federal transportation spending over this time period. Senator Reid has worked to improve federal highway funding formulas and secure earmarks for Nevada transportation projects. In Southern Nevada, Senator Reid has worked to relieve congestion on I-15 and increase capacity by widening lanes. He has also directed funding to build out interchanges on the Clark County Beltway and increased federal support for mass transit initiatives, including the new CityCenter Intermodal Center.

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