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## **Nevada Resolution to Reevaluate “Fast Track” Trade Authority is a First Step Towards Fixing Washington’s Failed Trade Policies**

Carson City, NV – The Nevada State Legislature passed a resolution calling on Congress to reevaluate the President’s “Fast Track” trade authority, reinforcing a prominent theme from the midterm elections: Americans want to rethink our course on trade.

This comes a month before Fast Track authority’s June 30th expiration date. Fast Track delegates to the president Congress’ constitutional trade policymaking authority. Fast Track has enabled passage of controversial trade deals including NAFTA and CAFTA which have accelerated a trade and jobs crisis, marked by a nearly \$800 billion trade deficit. NAFTA and CAFTA and many other trade agreements also contain provisions which give foreign nationals rights as investors that American citizens don’t have.

The resolution calls for Congress to reevaluate Fast Track and to consider replacing it with a “more democratic, inclusive and deliberative mechanism which takes into consideration the concerns of state legislatures and authorizes their participation in the international trade agreement process.” Under current Fast-Track trade policies, Nevada’s ability to create and enact its own laws is in jeopardy due to overreaching trade agreements that include rules having little to do with trade.

“Fast Track has delivered bad trade deals that hurt workers and families and challenge the sovereignty of our state,” said State Assemblywoman Peggy Pierce, sponsor of the resolution. “Fast Track dismisses checks and balances in the trade policy-making process. Now is certainly not the time to give this administration another blank check to sign more bad trade deals. Congress must examine ways to replace Fast Track with a new mechanism that includes a process for obtaining the prior informed consent of state legislatures.”

The resolution can be viewed here: [http://www.leg.state.nv.us/74th/Bills/AJR/AJR10\\_EN.pdf](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/74th/Bills/AJR/AJR10_EN.pdf)

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