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Nevada Resort Association Commends Nevada's Congressional Delegation in Defeating Yucca Mountain Funding

LAS VEGAS – The Nevada Resort Association today issued the following statement after the House Committee on Appropriations voted to defeat an amendment that would have restarted funding for a process intended to bring nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain.

“This is a huge win for Nevada and the 57 million people who visit our state each year,” said Virginia Valentine, president of the Nevada Resort Association. “The slim margin of today’s vote illustrates how critical the work of Nevada’s Congressional delegation was to ensuring Yucca Mountain remains a relic of the past.

“**Senator Catherine Cortez Masto, Senator Jacky Rosen, Rep. Dina Titus, Rep. Steven Horsford and Rep. Susie Lee** have been working tirelessly to educate their Washington colleagues on the immense danger this ill-conceived idea presents for Nevadans, our millions of guests and the numerous states nuclear waste would have to travel through on its way to Yucca Mountain. We applaud **Rep. Mark Amodei** for voting against the amendment. While we recognize the fight to keep nuclear waste out of Nevada is not over, we celebrate this victory and congratulate the entire federal delegation on their success.”

Background:

In April, the Nevada Resort Association joined with the leaders of the American Gaming Association, Boyd Gaming Corporation, Caesars Entertainment, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce, Las Vegas Sands Corporation, MGM Resorts International, Penn National Gaming, Red Rock Resorts, William Hill U.S. and Wynn Resorts in sending a letter outlining strong opposition to Yucca Mountain to all members of Congress.

ABOUT THE NEVADA RESORT ASSOCIATION

Established in 1965, the Nevada Resort Association (NRA) is the primary advocacy voice for Nevada’s gaming and resort industry, representing 73 gaming resorts across the state. Nevada’s largest industry contributes nearly 38% of the state’s general fund revenue and accounts for 26% of Nevada’s jobs. The NRA monitors government and regulatory activities in Nevada and provides information, perspective and industry insight for decision makers throughout the state. For more information, please visit www.nevadaresorts.org or follow us @NevadaResorts.

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