SENATOR HARRY REID, MAJORITY LEADER

FIGHTING TO KEEP NEVADA SECURE

Senator Reid has an established track record of fighting to protect Nevada and to guarantee that Nevada receives critical homeland security funding. Because of Senator Reid's work, Las Vegas is now eligible to receive crucial homeland security grants and funding. He also fought to provide more Customs and Border Protection officers at McCarran Airport, to create a special Emergency Operations Center, and the Southern Nevada Counter-Terrorism Fusion Center to help keep Nevada safe.

At the national level, Senator Reid worked to create the 9/11 Commission after the terrible attacks of September 11th and then he helped lead the fight to implement the Commission's recommendations. Senator Reid has also repeatedly voted to make our homeland more secure by supporting our first responders and protecting our borders. He voted for funding to increase air, rail, and transit security, and to protect us from bioterrorism.

Senator Reid Fought to Guarantee Nevada Would Receive its Fair Share of Homeland Security Funding. The Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) provides high-threat cities with grants to prepare for disasters or terrorist attacks. Since the program's inception, Senator Reid has championed legislation containing UASI grant formulas that would especially benefit Southern Nevada. Despite receiving almost $8.5 million in UASI funding in 2005, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) dropped Las Vegas in 2006 in favor Milwaukee and Jacksonville over faulty data. Deeply troubled by the failure to recognize Las Vegas as a terrorist target, Senator Reid and Senator John Ensign petitioned Michael Chertoff, then-Secretary of Homeland Security, to reinstate Las Vegas onto the UASI list. At the request of both Nevada Senators, Secretary Chertoff relented and put Las Vegas back on the UASI list. When Nevada's UASI funding was reduced the next year, Senator Reid and Senator Ensign again rose to action and arranged a meeting with Secretary Chertoff to ensure Nevada received its fair share going forward. Because Senator Reid insisted that transient and tourist populations should be integrated into the grant formula, DHS increased 2007's UASI funding for Las Vegas by 16.5% over the previous year. Nevada continues to benefit from this formula, and thanks to Senator Reid's leadership, has received over $53 million

HIGHLIGHTS OF SENATOR REID'S HOMELAND SECURITY RECORD

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- ★ Senator Reid Secured Funding to Create the Southern Nevada Counter-Terrorism Center
- ★ Senator Reid Has Made First Responders a Top Priority by Securing More Than $100 Million in Additional Funding for Nevada's Police, Firefighters, and Local Emergency Personnel Since 2000
- ★ Senator Reid Led the Fight to Create the 9/11 Commission and Implement its Recommendations
- ★ Senator Reid Voted to Provide Millions of Dollars to Prepare for Pandemic Flu, Improve Chemical Security, Strengthen Border Protections, Make the Nation Safer from Bioterrorism, and Protect Us from Chemical Attacks

in UASI grant funding. [Senate Vote 50, H.CON.RES.95, 03/15/05; Senate Vote 175, HR 2360, 07/12/05; Senate Vote 176, HR 2360, 07/12/05; Senate Vote 197, HR 5441, 7/16/06; Senate Vote 198, HR 5441, 07/13/06; Senate Vote 63, HR 1, 03/06/07; FEMA Homeland Security Profile Summary, State of Nevada, October 2009; http://www.reviewjournal.com/lvrj_home/2006/Sep-10-Sun-2006/news/9116147.html; Reid Press Release, 09/21/06; Reid Press Release, 10/10/07; FEMA Homeland Security Profile Summary, State of Nevada, October 2009]

Senator Reid Secured Funding to Increase Customs and Border Protection Officers at McCarran Airport and Implement Important Upgrades at North Las Vegas and Carson City Airports. Senator Reid consistently supported legislation to make our skies safer, including support for the creation of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and legislation to secure our planes against a terrorist attack. Recently, he secured nearly $17 million for critical upgrades at North Las Vegas and Carson City Airports. He has also voted to provide funding for passenger-screening and for improved screening of checked luggage and air-cargo. While Senator Reid supports measures to improve our safety, he also believes that we must ease passenger travel. Accordingly, he voted to increase the number of TSA officials to reduce security-related delays, and he also secured authorization and funding to increase the number of Customs and Border Protection officers at McCarran Airport. [Senate Vote 295, S. 1447, 10/11/01; Senate Vote 210, HR 5005, 09/05/02; Senate Vote 117, S. 762, 04/03/03; Senate Vote 180, HR 2360, 07/14/05; Senate Vote 241, HR 4954, 09/12/06; Senate Vote 243, H.R. 4954, 09/13/06]

Senator Reid Secured Funding to Create an Emergency Operations Center in Las Vegas. Senator Reid repeatedly voted to increase homeland security funding because he believes it is critical that we can combat a domestic chemical, biological, or nuclear attack. Putting Nevada first, he voted for funding for first responders in high-risk urban areas like Las Vegas, where he worked with the City of Las Vegas and local first responders to secure funding for an Emergency Operations Center. Senator Reid also supported additional funding for victims of natural disasters and for rail and transit security programs. [Senate vote 278, HR 2500, 9/13/01; Senate Vote 306, HR 2555, 7/24/03; Senate Vote 184, HR 4567, 9/14/04; Senate Vote 109, HR 1268, 4/24/05; Senate Vote 189, HR 2360, 07/14/05; Vote 203, HR 5441, 7/13/06; Vote 122, HR 1559, 04/03/03; Vote 301, HR 2555, 07/24/03; Vote 282, HR 2638, 07/26/07; Vote 199, HR 5441, 07/13/06; Vote 194, HR 5441, 7/12/06]

Senator Reid Secured Funding to Create the Southern Nevada Counter-Terrorism Center. For years, law enforcement throughout Southern Nevada lacked a central facility to gather and share intelligence. Because coordination among agencies is critical to solving crimes and coordinating disaster response, Senator Reid fought for additional homeland security grants to build and operate the Southern Nevada Counter-Terrorism Center. Completed in 2007, the Center is headed by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police department and houses more than 70 employees and officials from the Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and Henderson police departments, the Nevada Department of Public Safety, the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, and other local, state, federal, and tribal entities. The Center maintains a 24/7 watch capability and acts as a centralized, comprehensive intelligence fusion center, specifically designed to coordinate the exchange of criminal intelligence on a regional/statewide basis. It is also home to the All Hazards Regional Multi-Agency Operations and Response (ARMOR) Detail, which is the region's response, detection and identification unit for chemical, biological, nuclear, radiological, and explosive threats. This state-of-the-art facility improves interagency cooperation, allowing public safety agencies to better protect Southern Nevada from terrorist attacks. [Senate Vote 63, HR 1, 3/06/07; Senate Vote 175, HR 2360, 07/12/05; Senate Vote 176, HR 2360, 07/12/05; Senate Vote 198, HR 5441, 07/13/06; Senate Vote 50, H.CON.RES.95, 03/15/05; Senate Vote 197, HR 5441, 7/16/06]

Senator Reid Has Made First Responders a Top Priority by Securing More Than $100 Million in Additional Funding for Nevada's Police, Firefighters, and Local Emergency Personnel Since 2000. Senator Reid believes our police, firefighters, and local emergency personnel are the front line defense against a terrorist attack, which is why he has voted multiple times to increase their funding. For years, Nevada was one of the fastest growing states in the nation and faced many challenges in providing services to the population. Senator Reid has helped deliver valuable federal funding totaling more than $100 million since 2000 to address a variety of priorities for police officers, fire fighters, and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) to help deal with Nevada's larger population and increased threats due to 9/11. For Example, in Southern Nevada, Senator Reid helped secure funds for a Mobile Command Center to improve officer response and communication in a crisis. In Northern Nevada, Senator Reid funded anti-methamphetamine projects in Carson City. And in Rural Nevada, Senator Reid helped purchase equipment for nurses to complete sexual assault exams. [P.L. 106-113; P.L. 106-553; P.L. 107-77; P.L. 108-7; P.L. 108-90; P.L. 108-199; P.L. 108-334; P.L. 108-447; P.L. 109-90; P.L. 109-115; P.L. 109-295; P.L. 110-161; Voice Vote, S.AMDT.299 to HR 2638, 6/15/07; UC, S.AMDT.2465 to HR 2638, 7/26/07; P.L. 110-329; P.L. 111-8; UC, S.AMDT.1458 to HR 2892, 10/20/09; P.L. 111-83]

Senator Reid Helped Establish the 9/11 Commission and Then Fought to Implement All of its Recommendations. The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, exposed serious, systemic vulnerabilities in U.S. national security policies. Congress established the 9/11 Commission to recommend actions to repair these vulnerabilities. Senator Reid played a central role in establishing the Commission and implementing its recommendations:

- ***Establishing the 9/11 Commission*** Senator Reid helped establish the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (9/11 Commission) to review how 9/11 happened and to learn the lessons of 9/11. [Senate Vote 223, HR 5005, 09/24/02]

- ***Implementing Recommendations to Prevent Terrorist Attacks*** Senator Reid led efforts to implement 9/11 Commission recommendations by working to establish the Department of Homeland Security and reorganize the Intelligence Community. In 2007, Senator Reid introduced a bill to fully implement unaddressed recommendations of the 9/11 Commission, including efforts to improve intelligence-sharing, enhance defenses against weapons of mass destruction, and protect critical infrastructure, which was passed into law later that year. [Senate Vote 249, H.R. 5005, 11/19/02; Senate Vote 73, S. 4, 03/13/07]

Senator Reid Voted to Provide Millions of Dollars to Prepare for Pandemic Flu, Improve Chemical Security, Strengthen Border Protections, Make the Nation Safer from Bioterrorism, and Protect Us from Chemical Attacks.

- ***Preparing for Pandemic Flu*** Senator Reid supported providing funds for hospitals; clinics; preparedness activities and training for health care professionals; vaccine stockpiles; and upgrades to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). He also fought against Republican attempts to cut spending to protect our nation from the threat of pandemic flu. [Senate Vote 124, HR 3448, 05/23/02; Senate Vote 304, HR 2555, 07/24/03; Senate Vote 112, H.R. 4939, 05/04/06; Senate Vote 107, HR 4939, 05/03/06; Vote 297, HR2555, 07/2303; Vote No. 300, HR 2555, 07/24/03; Vote 176, HR4567, 09/14/04]

- ***Strengthening Border Protections*** Senator Reid has a long record of supporting funding increases to deploy thousands of additional Border Patrol Agents, provide resources to assist border communities, and fund enforcement initiatives within the Department of Homeland Security to help protect our

borders. Senator Reid took the initiative in improving border security, as the original sponsor of the *Improving America's Security Act of 2007*. Passing that same year, this legislation improves communications capabilities among emergency response providers near border areas, mandates the hiring of hundreds of new Customs and Border Protections officers, and supports the integration chemical and nuclear detection equipment with border security systems. Since Senator Reid became Majority Leader in 2006, the Senate has passed legislation adding more than 6,000 Border Patrol Agents and increased annual funding for Customs and Border Protection to over $10 billion. [Senate Vote 56, S. 4, 03/01/07; Vote 248, HR 4954, 09/14/06; Senate Vote 245, HR 4954, 09/13/06; Senate Vote 246, HR 4954, 9/13/06; Senate Vote 119, HR 1559, 04/03/03; Senate Vote 300, HR 2555, 07/24/03; Senate Vote 115, HR 1559, 04/02/03; Senate Vote 325, HR 2764, 09/06/07; Senate Vote 61, HR 1, 2/10/09; S.4, P.L. 110-53; FY2010 Conference Summary: Homeland Security Appropriations]

- ***Protecting America Against Biological Terrorism*** In 2007, Senator Reid facilitated the passage of legislation to enhance U.S. protections against bioterrorism. This legislation included provisions establishing a National Biosurveillance Integration Center to enhance the federal government's ability to identify and disseminate warnings of significant biological threats. Senator Reid has also been a strong supporter of funding for so-called Nunn-Lugar programs to secure and destroy chemical and biological weapons in the former Soviet Union, including provisions in the fiscal year 2008 Defense Authorization bill that significantly increased funding for biological weapons counterproliferation programs. [Roll Call Vote 73, March 13, 2007; Roll Call Vote 359, October 1, 2007]

- ***Preventing a Chemical Weapons Attack*** Senator Reid's support for efforts to protect the United States from chemical weapons attacks has spanned his entire Senate career. For example, in 1997, he cast a critical vote to ratify the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), prohibiting the production and use of chemical weapons. In 2003, Senator Reid cosponsored and voted in favor of a law to sanction Syria for its development of chemical weapons. Earlier this year, Senator Reid fought to confirm the United States Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, the body charged with negotiating multilateral arms control agreements like the CWC. [Roll Call Vote 51, April 24, 1997; Roll Call Vote 445, November 11, 2003; S. 982, 108th Congress; Remarks on Senate Floor, February 2, 2010]

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