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Senate Committee on Revenue and Economic Development
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Carson City, NV 89701

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SUPPORT: SB461 - Revises provisions relating to economic development.

Chair Neal and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to share my insights as to how SB461 can support and diversify Nevada's economy.

As vice president of outside operations for Haas Automation, America's largest machine tool manufacturer, we strongly urge you to support SB461.

At Haas Automation, we're currently underway on our 2.4 million square foot state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Henderson that will ultimately employ 2,000 Nevadans. This is our first-ever manufacturing expansion outside of California – and a clear signal of our commitment to Nevada.

The machine tools we build include vertical and horizontal machining centers, CNC lathes, rotary tables, and 5-axis machining centers, high-tech products that are essential to the manufacture of every precision metal part produced globally for nearly every industry, including aerospace, automotive, energy, defense, and medical manufacturing.

We chose Nevada primarily because we believe the community will provide us with almost every resource needed to build a world-class manufacturing operation. Everyone in Nevada, from the Governor's Office to the City of Henderson, to the education system, to our local chamber, have welcomed us with open arms and continue to do everything possible to ensure the success of Haas Automation. This is fitting because our success translates to the success of Nevada residents through higher wages and a better standard of living.

Even more importantly, this investment represents an opportunity to spark a broader industrial transformation in the state. At Haas, we do not manufacture in isolation. Our success depends on a robust and responsive supply chain made up of hundreds of interdependent businesses. These include suppliers of the raw materials that go into Haas machines. Materials like precision steel and aluminum parts made in machine shops around the world, or the electronics suppliers that provide boards and controls for our machines. Every finished product that leaves our facility should represent the work of a local Nevada manufacturing ecosystem.



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With the right economic development incentives in place, we can help catalyze the growth of these supply chain partners right here in Nevada.

For instance, we currently source key components from out-of-state including global foundries and machine shops – many of whom would consider expanding or relocating to Nevada if the right kind of economic investment credits were in place. This would shorten our supply lines, reduce risk, and improve productivity. The same goes for specialists in automation and other factory support – firms that install and maintain factory automation systems including robotics, conveyance systems, and testing equipment. The entire ecosystem of companies in the supply chain often face thin margins and steep upfront investments. We believe that a modest incentive will tip the balance in favor of choosing Nevada over a neighboring state.

On the logistics side, every Haas machine must be carefully packaged and shipped, domestically or internationally, and tracked through distribution systems. We rely heavily on specialized logistics firms and transport partners, many of whom are actively seeking growth markets. Nevada's location, paired with relocation or expansion incentives, could position the state as a logistics hub for the entire western U.S. – not only serving the needs of Haas, but drawing in other manufacturers as well.

Beyond just attracting companies, incentives that support workforce training are also critical. The more aligned our educational institutions are with our production needs, the more competitive Nevada becomes. The Debra March Center of Excellence in Henderson is a great example, and we strongly support initiatives that build on that foundation – especially when combined with employer-driven incentives to hire and train local talent.

In short, Haas Automation is proud to invest in Nevada – but we know that long-term success requires more than bricks and mortar. It requires policy that brings the entire manufacturing ecosystem with us. With the right tools in place, Nevada can become a national leader in advanced manufacturing – and we're ready to help lead that charge. SB461 could greatly aid in that effort.

We encourage you to support SB461.

Respectfully,

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