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RE: Notice of Voter Intimidation Scheme by Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., Unions and the Senate Campaign of Sen. Harry Reid – Request for Investigation

Dear Mr. Perez and Mr. Bogden:

Attached you will find an article and an email chain posted this morning at:
<http://www.nationalreview.com/battle10/251906/collusion-harrahs-bosses-put-squeeze-employees-vote-reid-elizabeth-crum>

The posting details and documents an orchestrated effort by Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. ("Harrah's") in the State of Nevada, specifically, in Las Vegas, to intimidate and coerce Harrah's employees to vote for Harry Reid for the United States Senate, to track whether or not employees had or had not voted and to pressure supervisors to ensure that the employees reporting to those supervisors were voting. And these overt activities were specifically *demand*ed by one or more persons who work for Sen. Reid.

The documents attached demonstrate that employees' votes were being tracked and supervisors were instructed by top management to personally confront employees to find out why they had not voted. Further, the evidence shows that Harrah's management has continually communicated to employees their concern with electing Harry Reid and *not* just to ensure that the employees voted for the candidates of their choice.

On October 28, 2010, a formal complaint was filed with the Nevada Secretary of State's office and the Election Integrity Task Force expressing concern about union bosses intimidation of union members during early voting. Today's disturbing report of Harrah's involvement in the same

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tactics of pressuring their employees to vote for Harry Reid is further confirmation of the atmosphere of coercion and intimidation that surrounds the conduct of this election related to the votes of rank-and-file employees and union members. The article also references the funds spent by unions to bus employees and union members to the polls during the early voting process and which appears to all be part of the scheme whereby management and union bosses, with the Reid campaign's oversight and involvement, have and are deliberately involving themselves their employees' / members' voting decisions.

The scheme involves management and union leaders making clear that employees/members should be voting for Harry Reid, management pressures employees and supervisors to follow up on specific employees with respect to their voting, unions pay for buses for employees to be transported to the polls and union leaders go *with* them and disembark the buses and hover along the entrances and exits and within the polling locations watching the employees vote. *That* is intimidation if ever there was any!

Title 18 U.S.C. §594 specifically proscribes the very type of conduct in which Harrah's and Reid have conspired to engage:

“Whoever intimidates, threatens or coerces or attempts to intimidate, threaten or coerce any other person for the purpose of interfering with the right of such other person to vote or to vote as he may choose, or of causing such other person to vote for or not to vote for, any candidate for office of ... Member of the Senate...at any election held solely or in part for the purpose of electing such candidate, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.”

This constitutes nothing less than a concerted scheme to violate the rights of Harrah's employees which clearly interferes with these employees' rights to cast a secret ballot for the candidates of their choice, without fear of reprisals, recriminations, job loss, or other adverse employment actions. This illegal, improper and heavy-handed intervention into the fundamental voting rights of Harrah's employees should be immediately investigated by the Department of Justice.

The Department of Justice has pledged to defend the rights of every citizen to cast his or her ballot without threat of intimidation and we are hopeful that your office in Nevada and Main Justice in Washington, DC will confirm that commitment by conducting a thorough investigation of this matter.

Please contact me at (202) 431-1950 (cell) or (202) 295-4081 (office) if you have any questions. Thank you.



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Sincerely,

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