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MUTH'S TRUTHS

(Chuck Muth) – I've been on the fence over these film tax credits for Hollywoodesque film studios in Nevada. Honestly, with so much else going on, I really haven't had time to look into them closely.

But a full-page ad in Sunday's Las Vegas Review-Journal pushed me into the "No" column.

Paid for by a real estate developer called "Gardner Group," the ad declares: "Senate Bill 220 will generate \$1 billion from the private sector for education."

Red Flag #1

So right off the bat, we have a developer with a stake in the game spending money on a full-page ad in the RJ – which ain't cheap! – to encourage the Nevada Legislature to give it a heckuva lot of taxpayer dollars.

The phrase "feathering their own nest" comes to mind.

Red Flag #2

\$1 billion? Pretty lofty claim – unsubstantiated and likely overblown if past is prologue. It's a tired and true PR tactic to blow smoke up taxpayers' skirts by promising pie in the sky.

Red Flag #3

The money's going to "education"?

Gov. Lombardo gave the failing Nevada public schools some \$2 billion in the last legislative session. How's that working out for our state, where we remain at the bottom of the list for education?

Now, if the money was going to go to a school choice program that would allow kids from low-to-middle income families so they could escape public education's Failure Factories, that would be a horse of a different color.

But, of course, it's not.

Red Flag #4

The ad claims that for every \$1 in film tax credits, "\$1.02 is returned to the Nevada Tax Revenue Stream," thereby making it "a revenue neutral bill."

Which sounds eerily similar to Wimpy's (of "Popeye" fame) favorite line: "I'll gladly pay you on Tuesday for a hamburger today."

Sorry, I ain't buying it.

Red Flag #5

To take action and contact your legislator, Gardner Group asks you to type out (no hot link available in print ads) this long URL:

https://www.leg.state.nv.us/division/research/library/faq/whichlegislatorrepresents.html

You mean they're spending this much money to ask for \$1 billion in taxpayer subsidies and they're unfamiliar with link shorteners such as this: tinyurl.com/3c7p3z2t

Sorry, but based on past experience I suspect a PR con game is afoot. We've seen this flim-flam film before. Absent a much stronger argument to the contrary, put me down as a "No" on SB220.

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X MARKS THE SPOT

- Antifa militants have taken over the University of Washington campus to protest Israel. Multiple fires have been set. | X
- NYPD officers attacked by a mob of TDA illegals in Times Square as officers tried to prevent an assault $\mid \underline{X} \mid$
- Newark, NJ Democrat Mayor Ras Baraka just tried to break into a detention center housing illegals to campaign for their release | X
- DC Mayor Bowser squirms and twitches in the background while Trump talks about migrant criminals $\mid \underline{X} \mid$
- The Commander-in-Chief has won his battle and the war against Rachel Levine.
 | X
- DOGE has found 100,000 federal workers who committed FRAUD by applying for and got unemployment benefits while they WORKED! | X
- Education Secretary Linda McMahon sent a SCATHING letter to Harvard informing them that they are no longer receiving ANY federal funding. | X
- CNN panel loses it over Trump's 250th Anniversary military parade Scott Jennings wrecks them on live TV. | X
- American Manufacturers Overwhelmed With Orders After Trump's Tariff Crackdown On China | X

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

"We are leaving wokeness and weakness behind. No more pronouns, no more climate change obsession, no more emergency vaccine mandates, no more dudes in dresses. We're done with that shit." – **Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth**

"When it comes to due process, that is a privilege reserved for American citizens." – *Rep. Byron Donalds*

"Millions upon millions have entered our country illegally and President Trump was elected to get them out. The left's 'due process' game has one intention: to delay and prevent Trump from completing this mission." – **Scott Jennings**

LAUGHTER IS STILL THE BEST MEDICINE

- This is all the proof I need that Optimus Prime is real. | X
- The Babylon Bee Has Been Given Access To Trump's To-Do List For His Next 100 Days | X







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