Dear Editor:

As a Nevada taxpayer, I am mad about the fact that other people aren’t paying my taxes anymore. Where are all the out-of-state tourists, and why are we letting them walk away from their responsibility to pay for our schools?

The Economic Forum has projected another staggering deficit for the state, a $800 million revenue shortfall for the biennium. In a state of 2.7 million people, that works out to almost $13 per person per month, about $3 of it for higher education. That is about half as much as I pay for my internet subscription!

I agree with the Governor, it would be much better to cut higher education back by another fifth, increase class sizes in the elementary schools, fire teachers, and stop providing essential public services than to ask me and other Nevadans to pay that much.

Reading Friday’s story in the RGJ, “Reno’s drinking rank may be tipsy,” I think it would be a much better use of that $13 to buy a few more beers per month, so Reno could be number one in at least something.

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