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Controller's Office Now Allows Debtors to Pay Online

Nevada's State Controller Ron Knecht today announced that individuals and businesses can now conveniently pay debts they owe the state online at: debtpay.controller.state.nv.us.

An important responsibility of the Controller's Office is to collect outstanding, past-due debts owed to the State of Nevada or any of its agencies. The new online tool allows anyone with outstanding debts to make arrangements to satisfy those debts without the need to speak with a debt collector.

Debtors will be able to either pay their debts in full or request a payment plan they can manage. For a limited time, if visitors to the site arrange a payment plan for themselves, then payment-plan interest charges will be waived. This means debtors who take this initiative will be able to save themselves money.

In addition, debtors who use this tool to pay their debts can avert collection activities that may otherwise damage their credit. If their debt has not yet been referred to an outside collection agency, they can also avoid any additional fees charged by those collection agencies.

Commenting on this new website feature, Knecht said:

"From the day I took office, I have taken very seriously the charge of this office and worked to improve our performance in every aspect. I'm happy to report that our debt collection operation, which struggled under previous administrations, is now improving greatly. This new online payment tool moves us into the 21st Century and makes it easier for debtors to make their payments on time and to improve their credit ratings, while also ensuring prudent fiscal stewardship for the state. Along with other changes we are making, this option will improve our ability to collect outstanding debts.

"Nevadans know I keep a sharp eye on public spending and oppose tax increases. However, whenever debts of any form are owed to the state, it is the fiduciary and statutory duty of the Controller to faithfully pursue the collection of any and all receivables in a diligent manner. Today we take a giant step forward in our ability to do that. As we do so, I thank the many good people who work for the Controller's office. They do a great job and bringing this service on line is evidence of that."