

# **Panel: Undocumented immigrants boost Nevada economy**

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Deporting large numbers of unauthorized immigrants would hurt families and the U.S. economy, leaders of a national advocacy group for Hispanics living in the United States and Latino community members said in Las Vegas on March 3.

“Unauthorized immigrants pay more than \$12 billion in Social Security taxes each year alone,” Nevada Tax Commission member and UNLV law Professor Francine Lipman said. “But their value to our tax system goes even beyond that.”

The panel, led by Washington-based leaders from the National Council of La Raza, said if all undocumented immigrants were deported in Nevada, the Silver State’s gross domestic product would drop by \$5.7 billion annually.

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