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Board of Regents
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To the Board of Regents;

I am writing about the proposed cuts to the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology (NBMG). First, I would like to acknowledge the financial straits we find ourselves in. I understand the position that the State of Nevada and the University system have been forced into. I personally would not want to be confronted with the difficult decisions you face.

Having said the above, I would like you all to consider supporting the NBMG. My wife and I rely on the Bureau's resources constantly. NBMG is arguably the most important supporting agency for one of the most important economic engines in the state, mining and alternative energy sources.

During the last year I used the resources provided by the NBMG to: 1) buy a house (Geothermal data, faults, geology of the area, radon, etc.), 2) for three small businesses I own and run (district files, county bulletins, recent mapping, mineral inventories, annual reports on mine production, geothermal data, their online ArcGIS data, etc.), 3) and for recreation.

My wife is the manager of the Truckee River Flood Management program. Her group also relies on the Bureau's resources including earthquake and fault data, geomorphology of the Truckee Basin, historic flood data, geology of the Reno, Verdi and Vista quadrangles, and ArcGIS data from NBMG's files, website and cloud site. These resources have proved invaluable to her staff's planning and designing a very large public infrastructure project.

My wife and I each bring in millions of dollars annually that are spent in Nevada creating jobs and a tax base. Clearly the NBMG provides a broad range of products that directly affect Nevadan's lives in quality and safety. I hope you can find a way to continue to fund this valuable asset.

Sincerely,



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