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I would like to express my support for the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology (NBMG). The most recent proposal to cut their funding by \$1 million will severely hamper the mission of the NBMG and such a drastic action should not be taken.

I have only had positive dealings both professionally and personally with the NBMG's staff and products for many years. While employed by the Federal government, the publications, assays, maps, and general geologic and mining data they produce were used to write geology reports and environmental documents in order to process mining and lands actions. After I retired from the Federal government, I used the services and products of NBMG to develop mineral properties, as well as using them to figure out where I want to vacation in Nevada.

I have a hard time calculating the value that has been added by access to the products and services of NBMG during my career and subsequent retirement in Nevada. However, I know without the data provided by NBMG, the products I produced would have been a lot more expensive and would have taken much more time; therefore, delaying economic development in Nevada. I also question whether or not I would have been able to develop any mineral properties in Nevada; thereby, possibly robbing Nevada of future mineral development. I firmly believe that my experience can be multiplied many-fold with that of other geologists, mining and mineral people in Nevada.

Therefore, in my opinion, if you cut funding to NBMG, mineral development, which creates jobs and more tax revenue, will be severely hampered.

Sincerely,

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