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To: Jeffrey S Thompson

Cc: Jonathan G Price; James E Faulds

Subject: Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology

Attention: Jeffrey S Thompson, Dean College of Science, UNR

I am writing in support of the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology (NBMG), and to illustrate an important connection with ExxonMobil. I am a Geoscientist working in the Upstream of ExxonMobil, where we Explore, Develop and Produce Oil and Gas globally. I have worked for ExxonMobil for 9 years, and for 5 of those years I have spent a portion of my time recruiting Geoscientists from elite programs in the western US. Hiring talented Geoscientists is vital to our companies future. I am one of many Geoscience recruiters with ExxonMobil and my territory includes the Mackay School of Mines within the College of Science at UNR, one of our top Recruiting schools in the US. Dr. Jim Faulds, Research Professor with NBMG initiated this key connection between UNR and ExxonMobil in 2002, and I have been able to continue recruiting on campus and hiring excellent graduate students over The past 5 years. ExxonMobil has hired 7 students in the past 8 years from UNR, all of whom are contributing at ExxonMobil and competing well with recent hires from all of the country. This speaks volumes about the education they are receiving at Mackay, and the NBMG.

I had the pleasure of working with a student of Dr Faulds, Garrett Vice, a product of the NBMG. Garrett joined our North Caspian subsurface team in Houston as his first assignment out of graduate school. It was evident from the start that his education had prepared him well to be a contributor day one, on a very challenging assignment. Under Dr. Faulds direction he analyzed a geothermal system north of Reno that is important to the State of Nevada. Garrett brought skills from graduate school that translate to the subsurface work that we do here on a daily basis. It was evident that his graduate work taught him the fundamentals geoscience skills, and also to think critically and independently. Garrett has a sense for problem solving, a keen intellectual curiosity, networking skills, and respect for those he works with. Garrett's work with Dr. Faulds and NBMG is what helped establish and focus these skills that are so valuable to him and to our organization.

Programs like the NBMG are so important on so many levels, from the State of Nevada to the Global Geoscience community. They provide key talent to so many entities, including ExxonMobil. I urge you to consider as you look at difficult budget decisions now and in the future, the importance of the NBMG both locally and globally.

Sincerely,

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