

Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 12:01 PM
To: ihansen@asm.state.nv.us
Cc: Jonathan G Price
Subject: Focus of cuts in funding

Dear Representative Hansen:

I am writing to express concern about a potential major cut in funding that I believe is ill directed. The Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology is a state agency and for years has been under the umbrella of the University of Nevada --even though it is a separate state entity. The University is considering a 50% cut in the budget of the NBMG as a part of its meeting cuts required of UNR. Now a 50% cut to any agency is a 'gutting' action and will force, I am sure, the NBMG Director into layoffs. Not only does the NBMG serve the state very well in terms of applied science for all of our natural resources and hazards, members of the NBMG bring into the State, in the form of grant and contract funding, more than they are paid. It seems very shortsighted to make such a drastic cut for such a productive group of scientists. There must, somewhere, be a State unit that produces less and spends more than it brings into the State. I hope this legislature, in its doing what everyone must agree to be a totally thankless job, can find some way to protect those parts of State government which are positively productive--such as the NBMG.\

Thank you for the consideration I know you will give this request.

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