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**Subject:** Budget cuts, Nevada Bureau of Mines

Dear Dr. Price, I am a geologist and President of Bear Creek Gold & Copper Company, LLC. I have just been informed of proposed budget cuts to your operation, and just wanted to express my dismay at this. I have used your publications for over 40 years in Nevada, and have found them extremely useful, leading to important ore deposit finds. My company is working exclusively in Nevada because of the favorable political climate, the abundance of good geologic data, and the size of ore the deposits. Keep up the good work, and best of luck.

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