

April 5, 2011

Drs. Glick and Johnson
President's Office
University of Nevada, Reno
Reno, NV 89557-001

RE: Letter of Support for Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology (NBMG).

Dear Drs. Glick and Johnson:

I am writing to express my concern and interest in continuing your very successful Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology and their related University of Nevada functions. As the 'eastern' side neighbor of NMBM here in Utah, the Nevada geology and geophysics projects parallel our interests in the related geologic topics of the Great Basin. Moreover your organizations provide a key historical perspective on Nevada's geology and mineral resources and an underpinning of your state's natural resources. I can rightfully say these are very successful and essential programs to the state Nevada.

The work of NBMB has been particular critical to understanding your active earthquake environment and its contemporary deformation environment determined by your very successful GPS monitoring group. Moreover the NBMG is a key organization that works on timely issues such as the geologic safety of the Yucca Mountain Waste Repository.

Extending your support to NBMG will materially convey the importance of earth science to the state of Nevada as well as exemplifying yours state's importance in a national context. I wholeheartedly support the continuation of strong support to the continued support of the NBMG.

If you would like any more information on my recommendation, feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,



Robert B. Smith
Professor of Geophysics