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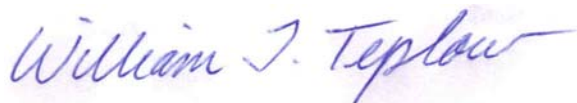
(Sent to Regents, President, Provost, legislators)

Dear.....

During the past thirty years, I have been directly involved in the exploration and development of more than ten commercial geothermal projects throughout the State of Nevada. Some of these projects have been operating successfully for 25 years or more, generating billions of dollars in electrical sales from clean, renewable geothermal energy technology. In every one of these successful geothermal projects, the research and publications of the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology (NBMG) have played a key role. Invariably, the scientifically rigorous and highly relevant research performed by NBMG has been the basis for the identification and successful development of all the major geothermal resources currently being exploited in Nevada. The Bureau directly contributes to major construction projects for both geothermal power plants and power lines as well as the long-term and stable revenue streams that result from their operation. US Geothermal, Inc. and its Nevada subsidiary USG Nevada, LLC relies on the rich research assets provided by NBMG on a regular basis for its ongoing development of the San Emidio and Gerlach geothermal projects. This year US Geothermal, Inc in direct collaboration with NBMG has secured a \$3.77 million DOE grant for geothermal exploration in Nevada. The bulk of this money goes directly to local Nevada companies.

Cutting the budget of NBMG makes no sense from an economic standpoint. This is an agency that contributes directly to the continuing success of a major Nevada natural resource industry. To severely cut or eliminate NBMG would clearly harm the future economic development and diversification of Nevada. US Geothermal and our colleagues in the geothermal industry are bringing hundreds of millions of dollars in private investments into the State of Nevada. We strongly urge that you continue to fully support NBMG so that it can continue its critical service to our industry, the State, and region.

Very sincerely,



William J. Teplow, Vice President Exploration

US Geothermal, Inc.